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GENTLEMEN:

We have the honor to submit the Twenty-first Volume of the Maryland Archives, being the Proceedings and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland from April 1, 1778, to October 26, 1779.

Respectfully,

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PREFACE.

The trying winter of 1777-8 passed without any attempt on the part of Howe to molest the army, weakened by sickness and desertion, in cantonments at Valley Forge. In March, Count Pulaski, a distinguished Polish officer who had offered his services to the patriotic cause and been appointed brigadier general, undertook the formation of an independent corps of horse and foot, known as Pulaski's Legion, or "the Maryland Legion" (p. 341). He established his headquarters in Baltimore, and the Legion was made part of the Maryland contingent in the Continental service.

During this winter a treaty of alliance had been concluded between the United States and France, and in the spring a French fleet under Count d'Estaing arrived to coöperate with the Americans, bringing with them an ambassador, Alexander Gérard, accredited to the States.

On June 27, Sir Henry Clinton, who had succeeded Howe, evacuated Philadelphia, and moving towards New York was met by the Americans at Monmouth Court House, New Jersey. In the engagement which followed, the misconduct of Major General Charles Lee threw the American forces into confusion, and a great disaster was averted only by the prompt action of Washington, who ordered Ramsay and his Marylanders to check the British advance until he could re-form his line. When order was restored, the enemy were driven from the field, but the victory cost the life of the gallant Ramsay.

American affairs were still in a very critical state. Much apathy prevailed among the people, who cherished the delusion that the war was nearly over; a feeling largely due to hand-bills which Howe had circulated containing drafts of Acts of Parliament, making certain concessions which it was hoped would allay all discontents (p. 43). The public finances were in a frightful state owing to the repeated issues of paper with no provision for its redemption. As a natural consequence this currency almost lost its purchasing power. In April, 1779, we find the Council offering twenty pounds a hundred for flour. Discontent was rife in the army, and Congress was paralysed by factions. But the Governor and Council of Maryland were indefatigable in their exertions to fill up the quota of the State and provide for the wants of the soldiers, and the pages of this volume show their ceaseless activity.

Fortunately the State had but little trouble within her own borders. There were some small depredations by the British in the lower counties, and some disturbances by Tories in Worcester, Somerset, Queen Anne's and Kent; but these, as well as a mutinous rising in Delaware, threatening the Stores at Charles Town, were easily dealt with. This exemption gave Maryland the opportunity of raising large supplies of bread-stuffs and provisions for the Continental army and for shipment to the West Indies. Readers of these pages who find so much more space devoted to purchases of flour, pork, bacon, osnaburgs, denims, powder and lead, than to accounts of military operations, should remember that it was in this way, quite as much as in the field, that independence was won.

Clinton, profiting by Howe's example, avoided pitched battles, and undertook, an expedition, under Gen. Prevost and Col. Campbell, to invade the southern States. Savannah fell in December 1778, and all Georgia was soon reduced. Descents—mere plundering forays—were made on the Bay shores of Virginia, and fears arising that Baltimore would be the next point of attack, measures were taken to put that city in a state of defence. The enemy, however, made no attempt, but returned with their plunder to New York.

The year 1779 was distinguished by the brilliant storming of Stony Point by Gen. Wayne on July 15, followed by the capture of the garrison at Paulus Hook, on the 19th, in both which actions the Marylanders took part.

On October 9, the gallant Pulaski fell in an unsuccessful attempt to retake Savannah by a combined force of French and Americans.

Erratum. On p. 45 (heading of letter) "Gov. Henry" should read "J. Henry."

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COUNCIL OF MARYLAND

1778–1779

Wednesday 1st April 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western Shore Treasurer pay to John Smoot eleven Pounds two Shillings and six Pence due him on Account Passed

That the said Treasurer Pay to Samuel Harvy Howard, Twenty seven Pounds one Shilling and nine Pence due him on Account passed

That the said Treasurer Pay to Colo Henry Hollingsworth one hundred and seventy one Pounds nine Shillings and eleven Pence due per Account Passed by the Committee of Claims

Robert Wilson of Dorchester County and Samuel Percifield of Ann Arundel County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act and Certificates given

Thos Read Commr of the Brig. Baltimore, receipt of 2 short 3 pounders 4 long 3 pounds with their Carriages which were sent to Baltimore & also 4 short 3 pounders the property of this State received for the use of the Congress

Thursday 2d April 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace six hundred Pounds on Account

Levin Frazer, Joel Higginbottom of the Galley Independence, David Ferguson of the Galley Conqueror, John Jackson of Dorchester County Nathan St Clair of Balto County and Caleb Healy of Prince Georges County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act and Certificates given

Capt. Furnival, From the Conversation we have had with you we think it will be best for you to Contract for good Leather Breeches for your non Commissioned Officers and Privates they agreeing to a part Payment themselves out of their Pay so that the Public is not burthened with more than six pounds a pair the Breeches ought to be good to which we desire you will be Particularly Attentive

C. B. Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Fernandes eight pair of Shoes for the first Regiment

That the said Commissary Deliver to Lieut. Keltie of the 4th Maryland Regiment as much Cloth as will make a Coat Twilled flannel sufficient for a Waistcoat and a Pair of Breeches one piece Brittanies one pair Shoes and Trimmings sufficient to be charged accordingly

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer pay to Cornelius Mills one hundred and twenty Pounds Balance of Account for Recruiting per Account examined and Passed by the Committee of Claims

That the said Treasurer Pay to Richard Barnes Esquire eighty eight Pounds ten Shillings and three Pence due to himself twenty one Pounds thirteen Shillings and ten pence and twenty six Pounds one Shilling and seven pence due to W B Smoots Company of Militia per Accounts passed by the Committee of Claims

C. C. [Council to J. Randall.]

In Council 2d April 1778

Sir

With this you will receive an Invoice of Cloathing sent in the Baltimore Galley with some Recruits from this Place, and we expect, will arrive under the Care of the Officers who go with the Recruits. You will observe a Difference in the shirts sent, some of them are much better than others and, if the Officers are in as much Want as we fear some of them are, they may probably incline to have a Camp Shirt or two of them, they are of the same Kind of Linen with which we furnished some of the Gent last year. The worsted Stockings, such of the Thread as are fit, the Brittanies, the Russia Drab and Serge Denim, are designed for the Officers. We wish we could send them a better Supply, we have some Russia Sheeting and have desired a considerable further Quantity to be purchased; the Swanskin may be delivered out to such of the Officers as want it for Jackets & Breeches.

It will be very troublesome and inconvenient to get the Clothier General to price the Goods, especially as we are obliged to send then in small Quantities. We shall therefore endeavor to get the Assembly to fix at once the Proportion of the Cost to be sunk and, as it is designed that the Officers shall have of the Cloathing for their respective use only we expect the Goods will be very low priced.

We have expected for a good while past to hear that the Cloathing from Kent County had reached you and shall write

to Mr Forman on the Subject. You'll send us an Account as soon as you can of the Quantities of Cloathing received, the price will not be so material, the Quantities delivered and what yet is deficient. C. C.

We are &ca

The Thread is just sufficient to make up the Brittanies and designed for that Purpose

To Mr John Randall.

[Smallwood to Johnson.] Original

Wilmington April 2d 1778.

Dr Sir

Colo Hollingsworth pursuant to Instructions from the Board of War has called on me for a guard to escort the removal of the Stores out of the Peninsula below to some place of greater security, back in the Country, which is a very Necessary Measure as those parts are Subject to, and even threatned with an Invasion, which there are disaffected enough to countenance and even Intercept those stores without the aid of any Considerable drafts from the Enemy's forces, the present weakness of this Garrison will not admit of a draft sufficient to aid Colo Hollingsworth to effect this purpose, and he has little reason to expect any aid from the Militia of this state. I have therefore recommended him to apply to you for a Company or two of Militia to assist him in this pursuit

Many of the Troops here are in great want of Cloathing particularly Shirts & breeches, which you will Please give orders to have forwarded, & direct the recruits to be marched here with all possible dispatch, to strengthen the Regiments at this post which is much expos'd and daily threatned with a stroke from the Enemy both by Land & Water. We are not more weak in men than Officers, having but five Field Officers in Garrison, and want Captains in as great a degree, which shews the Expediency of calling in the Officers on furlough & recruits Immediately; We have the strongest assurance that General Howe is drawing his forces to a point, having ordered the troops from Rhode Island and four Regts from New York great part of the Latter arrived some days ago at Philada and the former are daily expected under the Convoy of Lord Howe, this ought to rouse the States to the most Vigorous Exertions in pushing forward their respective Quota's should be glad to know if you have had the Officers debited with the money I advanced them for the recruiting

C. C. Original service a Memorandum of which I lodged with you on my departure from Annapolis & whether I am charged & Col° Richardson Credited for 660 dollars which were returned to me by one of his Officers, which I think I made an Entry of in the memorandum book lodged with you. my books & papers being lodged back in the Country prevents my sending my Acc^t in, but if I mistake not Richmond lodged a Copy with the Council of Safety which was not Closed, as there were some entries to be made against the State & some to their Credit which he was not furnished with as my acco^ts were left in Philad^a on my return to Maryland last Winter. when I marched to New York in the state service my pay was 80 dollars ꝑ month & I only rec^d 50 from the Continent does the state make up the deficiency or do I loose it. I also owe the state 35£ or 45£ I don't recollect which for a horse which I purchas'd on the Expedition to the Eastern shore for Mr Elliot my Quarter Master to discharge the duties of that department which I took on my own risque & Credited the State for the sum these & some other Charges & Credits may not be in the Copy delivered in by Richmond but as soon as I can have access to my papers will transmit my acc^t in full and shou'd be glad to be favour'd with the state acc^t against me that a final settlement may be made—I have the Honor to be with sincere reguard

Your very Obed^t Hble Servt
W Smallwood

Governor Johnson

C. B. Friday 3^d April 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Henry Geddes Master of the Sloop Rising Sun mounting 2 Car. Guns & 4 Carbines navigated by 8 Men Belonging to Archibald Buchanan & C° Balt. Town dated 20 Octr 1777

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Joshua Miles five hundred Dollars out of the money sent by Congress for the Recruiting Service and to be charged to the 6th Maryland Regiment

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmott one hundred and twenty six Pounds seven Shillings and six pence to be delivered over to Isaac Guist Quarter Master due to Sundries for Wagon hire per Accounts examined and allowed by the House of Delegates

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Abell eighty six Pounds two Shillings and nine Pence due to him per Acc^t passed by the Com. of Claims

Commission issued to William Barrow appointed Surveyor of Dorchester County in the room of Jonathan Patridge who has resigned C. B.

Doct. Johnson is desired to sell four hundred Pounds weight of the Bark lately imported in Capt. Conway at four Pounds per pound and to receive the money and pay it into the Treasury not disposing of more to any one private family than two Pounds or to any one Practicing Phisican more than eight Pounds

The Governor and Council of the State of Maryland do by Virtue of a Resolve of the General Assembly passed the 22d December 1777 hereby impower Joshua Johnson Merchant heretofore of the City of London but now supposed to be in the Kingdom of France to apply to the Court of France or the Court of Spain or in his Discretion to Individuals either in France Spain or Holland for the several Articles therein enumerated as also for twenty Tons of Lead or for money wherewith to Purchase all or any of the said Articles, And the Governor and Council do hereby pledge the Faith of this State to the Court or Person or Persons who shall give the said Credit for a due and faithful Payment within the Time and in the Manner within mentioned—But in Case the said Joshua Johnson should be absent from France then the Governor & Council do hereby impower such Person as shall be nominated by Doct. Benjamin Franklin or the Agent or Commissioner for the Time being of the Congress residing at the Court of France to do the Business in the same Manner as it might be done by the said Joshua Johnson if he was present and Pledge the faith of this State for the due Payment, in like manner as if the matter had been transacted by the aforesaid Joshua Johnson

[Council to R. Dallam.] C. C.

In Council 3d April 1778.

Sir

Capt. Joshua Miles informs us that he has seven Recruits of the sixth Regiment who want Cloaths. If you have not sent away what you have collected, deliver to each, one Blanket, a Coat, Jacket and pair of Breeches, two Shirts two pair of Stockings and a Pair of Shoes and reserve also enough to fit out half a Dozen Recruits more, in the same Manner, to whom, on their being inlisted, deliver them, taking Receipts from their Officers and returning the Cloaths delivered in your Account.

We are &ca

Colo Richard Dallam.

C. C. [Council to D. Jenifer.]

In Council 3d April 1778

Sir

We shall take Care to send you some Money by the first good Opportunity Charles Landsdale is sick and a Stranger
138 rides for him, so that it is improper to send it by the Post. The Quantity of Bacon you hope to get, though not very great, will help. We have lately received a pretty strong Reinforcement of Shoes and Stockings, so that you need not go to any extravagant Price for the immediate bringing yours up.

We are &ca

Daniel Jenifer Esqr

[Gov. Johnson to Assembly].

3d April 1778.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

The Council and I thought proper to lay before you the Copy of a Letter wrote by us the 26th of March to Lt Colo
139 Smith and his Answer of the 1st Instant received yesterday. The Fact avowed and more especially the Sentiments contained in the Cols Letter renders the Matter, we think, of Consequence enough for your Consideration

The General Assembly.

C. B. Saturday, 4th April, 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Davidson of the second Regiment as much of the twilled flannel as will make two pair of Breeches and one Waistcoat and Serge Denim for one pair of Breeches & charge it accordingly

That the said Commissary deliver to Captain Campbell Sundry Cloathing for the use of his Officers per List sent.

Samuel Sharpe is Appointed Agent for Purchasing Provisions in Talbot County in the room of Col. Peregrine Tilghman who resigns being incapable of Acting from his Indisposition

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col. Peregrine Tilghman two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Samuel Sharpe Agent for Purchasing Provisions out of the money sent by Congress for that purpose to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Aquila Hall Esqr Sixty two

Pounds for the use and to be delivered over to James Steel C. B.
due him per Acco[t] pass[d] by C. C.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Andrew Grebble Jun[r] one hundred and twelve Pounds ten Shillings due to him per Acc[t] passed by the Com. of Claims

[Council to S. Sharp.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 4th April 1778

Sir

Inclosed you have a Commission as Agent to purchase Provisions in Talbot County, you will also receive by Col[o] Tilghman, two thousand Dollars, for that purpose. It is essential to the Service that we should be regularly furnished 140
with a monthly Return of your Purchase agreeable to the Act, and we request you will have what Provisions you may purchase sent on immediately either to Baltimore or the Head of Elk. The Barrelled Pork and Beef which you may get must be well examined and if there's Doubt of its keeping you must by all Means have it put into proper Order and, if necessary Salt added.

We are &[ca]

M[r] Samuel Sharp

[Council to Delegates.]

April 4th 1778

The Governor and Gentlemen of the Council request the Favor of the Gentlemen of the House of Delegates to inform 141
them of the Names of the Magistrates who have qualified and of the Hundreds in their respective Counties

Gen[tn] of the House of Delegates.

[J. Henry to Gov. Johnson.]

York Town Ap[l] 5th 1778

Dear Sir

I acquainted you in my former letter that the Delegates had obtained from Congress the loan of one hundred thousand Dollars. I expected when I wrote you, that I would have been able to have sent you the money in a day or two but the great Demands on the Treasury has prevented me—In the course of this week you may expect the whole or at least some part of it.

C. C. Congress yesterday ratified the Treaties of Alliance and Commerce between France and these States. You will soon have a Copy sent to the State Mr Chase writes you fully upon this subject.

I am Sir with great respect
Yrs J Henry Junr

C. B. Monday 6 April 1778

Present as on Saturday

Mr Kent from the House of Delegates delivers to the Governor the following Resolve

By the house of Delegates April 4th 1778 Resolved that the Governor and the Council be requested to apply to Congress for such Number of effective Arms and Accoutriments as they can conveniently spare for the use of this State not exceeding ten thousand stand and ten field pieces; Provided such Arms, Accoutriments and field pieces can be procured on such Terms as the Governor and the Council shall think reasonable; and this State will be answerable for the same.

By Order G Duvall Cl H. D.

Which said Resolve was thus endorsed—By the Senate April 4. 1778. Read the first Time and Ordered to lie on the Table. By order R Ridgely Cl. Sen. By the Senate April 6th 1778. Read the second Time and Assented to By order R Ridgely Cl Sen.

C. C. [Council to W. Richardson.]

In Council Annapolis 6th April 1778.

Sir.

Mr Winters informs us that John Hartley and William Aires both of them Englishmen and Gun-Finishers have lately been inlisted into your Regiment and that if they are taken from him, he must break up his Gun Manufactory: he adds that theres little Probability if these Men are carried into the Ser-
142 vice, that they will continue in it longer than they may have a favorable Opportunity of deserting to the Enemy. We are of Opinion that the general Service would be better promoted by leaving those Men with Winters, either continuing them as inlisted and he discharging their Pay &ca with additional Wages, as may be agreed by him and them or discharging them, and we request of you that something of the Kind may be fallen on for, In the present Scarcity of Arms, we should be

sorry that a Shop of so much Value to the Public should be c. c.
discontinued. We are &ca

Colo William Richardson

[Gov. Johnson to Assembly.]

April 6th 1778.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

From the Letters received from Worcester and Somerset Counties, which I have laid before you and the Conversations I have had with People from thence as well as from the Insurrections some Time since, I am apprehensive that unless decisive Measures are speedily taken the Balance in Somerset County, will be in Favor of our Enemies & Toryism. If that should be the Case and our Friends are left under Apprehension of suffering instantly all the Cruelties which brutal Rage can inflict and the Enemies of their Country fear nothing but a slow Prosecution for the atrocious Villanies, entertaining at the same 143
Time the Hope that their Guilt may be shielded by the Forms incident to the Proceedings of Courts, Mens Minds will be influenced by the immediate Evil and the Consequent Influence will probably extend much to the Prejudice of the State. I cannot therefore but entreat your Advice & Assistance in a Matter which appears to me of so great Magnitude and submit to your Consideration whether it will not be well, immediately to order one hundred or one hundred and fifty of the Militia from some of the other Counties, into Somerset to do Duty there 'til a sufficient Regular Force can be raised for that Service and to proclaim Martial Law in Somerset County and erect a Court Martial competent to the Trial of Spies, Piracies and such of our own People as may be taken in Arms, with a Power of ordering the Execution of the Guilty without waiting for the Assent of any other Authority.

The General Assembly.

[Council to G. Dashiell.]

In Council 6th April 1778.

Sir

We are sorry for the Loss the Gentlemen of your County have sustained by their Negroes going away, but we cannot conceive the Enemy would restore them, unless their Masters make Concessions which no American ought to do. It is very unlikely that if a man avowed his Principles to support the Cause of America, that he would be so far favoured as to have

C. C. his Negroes or any other Property returned. We have had
144 many Applications similar to the present, but our Impression of the Impropriety of permitting our People to go to the Enemy to solicit Favors, is so strong that we have rejected every one and hope and expect, some Method will be fallen on to indemnify them, without their being obliged to crouch to our Enemies. The Assembly have not yet formed any Resolutions for your Defence, we expect they soon will and that the Measures adopted will be effectual. The Gentlemen of your County promise to move for a Bill to cure all Doubts, as to the Mode of forcing the Payment of the Fines of the Militia.

We are &ca

P. S. If you should have an Opportunity of purchasing a Quantity of Linen for Soldiers Shirts or Oznabrigs or course Sheeting for Oueralls & Coatees on pretty good Terms, we wish you to do so, a great Deal is wanted.

Colo George Dashiell

C. B. Tuesday 7th April 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Benjamin Brooke three thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be delivered over and Charged to Thos Clagett Purchaser in Prince Georges County

Capt. Robert Owen is appointed Agent for Purchasing Provisions in Montgomery County in the room of William Waters refused to Act

Colo John Hoskins Stone appointed Auditor General by the General Assembly Qualified in presence of the Governor and Council by taking the several Oaths directed in the Resolution and Subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion and giving Bond with Thomas Stone Esquire Security for the faithful Performance of his Duty as Auditor General.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Griffith two thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be delivered over and Charged to Capt. Robert Owen Purchaser of provisions in Montgomery County

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Samuel Griffith three hundred Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Recruiting Service to be charged to the third Maryland Regiment.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elisha Winters three hundred and thirty one Pounds seventeen Shillings and six Pence due per Account pass'd by A G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Jesse Bussey five Pounds for a Gun C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Calhoun Esqr two thousand five hundred and twenty five Pounds fourteen Shillings and nine Pence out of the thirty thousand Dollars Appropriated by the Assembly due to him per Account passed by the Auditor General

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct Henry Schnebely one hundred and sixty eight Pounds eight Shillings for the use of John Stull per Acc^t passed Co. Clk.

William Spicer of Ann Arundel County took the Oath of Fidelity & Sup^t to this State and Richard Thomas of Montgomery County took the affirmation according to the late Act and certificates given.

[Council to R. Owing.] C. C.

In Council 7th April 1778.

Sir

We last Night received Mr Waters's Resignation or rather Refusal to act as Purchaser of Provisions in Montgomery County under the late Act, and we inclose you an Appointment and send you by Capt Griffith, two thousand Dollars to go on with. It is essential to the Service that we should be regularly furnished with a Monthly Return of your Purchase, agreeable to the Act, and we request you will specify in it the 145
Place to which you collect the Provisions. If you should get any barrelled Pork or Beef, you will be careful to have it examined and, if there's any Doubt of its Keeping, you must, by all Means, have it put into proper Order and, if necessary, Salt added.

We are &^ca

Capt. Robert Owing
Montgomery County

[Council to B. Franklin.]

Annapolis in Maryland 3^d April 1778.

In Council.

Sir

Expecting that Mr Joshua Johnson of London has removed to France, we have empowered him to apply for a Loan of Cloathing &^ca for the use of this State, and have taken the Freedom, on the Uncertainty of his being there, to give the like

c. c. Power, in Case of his Absence to such Person as you may nominate, hoping that you will take the Trouble of appointing a proper Person, if it should be necessary. Mr Carmichael,
146 we hear, has left France, or else we should have desired his Attention, eventually, to this Business. The Desire we have, to get the Arms and Cloathing and our not knowing in what other Channel to put this Matter, with a Hope of Success will, we flatter ourselves, be a sufficient Apology to you for this Request.

We have the Honor to be with the greatest Esteem

Sir &ca

Doctor Franklin, or the
Commissioner from Congress at Paris.

[Council to J. Johnson.]

In Council Annapolis 3d April 1778.

Sir

We inclose you a Copy of a Resolution of our General Assembly and a Power indorsed thereon for your obtaining Military Stores and Cloathing on the Credit and for the Use of
147 this State. If you can get the Loan of Money on a tolerable Interest, it seems to us, much more eligible that you should do so than to obtain a Credit for the Things themselves, as you may, as having Cash in Hand, command the Articles of the best Quality and on the cheapest Terms, but a Credit either Way for these Necessaries, is very desirable. We are advised the Cloathing had better be of the same Cloth worn by the King of Frances Soldiers, the Uniform may be varied a little from theirs, as your Fancy may direct. By all means have the Musquets good, as near one size'd Bore as may be and the Bayonets long: Experience shews how essential it is to attend to these Circumstances. We have added to the Articles mentioned in the Revolution 20 Tons of Lead which will be wanted equally as the other Things. If you should be fortunate enough to have it in your Power, the sooner you get the Things shipped, the better let it be done in good sailing Vessels which can come into our Inlets, divide them into several Bottoms, observing to send a Proportion of each Article in each Vessel, so that a Loss or two may not totally disappoint us. If Insurance is to be had, insure the whole, and reship in Case you are ascertained of a Loss. We shall expect the earliest Advices possible of your Receipt of this and of the Prospect you may have of succeeding or not.

We are Sir &ca

Mr Joshua Johnson
Nantz.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 7th April 1778.

Gentlemen

We inclose you a Copy of the Resolution of the General Assembly, of the fourth Instant, to apply to Congress for Arms and Field Pieces and Accoutriments. We believe Mr Chase's mentioning that Congress was in Possession of a considerable Number, occasioned the Resolution. Do us the Favor to 148
move this Matter and acquaint us with the Result. If the Arms are to be had, as they are distant from us, your Advice as to the Conveyance of them, will be very acceptable. We have no Doubt but that we shall obtain the Arms, if it is remembered that this State sent in 1776, with its Battalion and Independent Companies about 1400 very good Arms, not one of which was ever returned to the State. With the Flying Camp the same year full 3000, not generally so good, of which upwards of 2200 were left in Philadelphia by Order of the Congress and of the Rest very few came back to Maryland and that last Fall the Loss of Arms by the Militia was very considerable, not less, we judge, than 1000, of all which the Congress has never paid us but about 1100. Has Congress any blankets? If there are any, we suppose, they are for the use of the Troops, and no State can have a better Claim to them; we have, you know, stripped our Beds twice and, by Order of Congress, our Flying Camp left upwards of 1100 in Philada Do, if possible, get an Order for 2000, or, if they can be spared more: it is impossible to supply our Recruits within ourselves. The Officers are frequently calling on us for recruiting Money, we have drawn out the 10000 Dollars, to about 250. Mr Henry mentioned that more Money might be had for that Service, pray remit us, our Recruiting goes on now, something better than it did

We are Gent &ca

The Delegates in Congress.

Wednesday 8 April 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday except Edward Lloyd & James Hindman Esquires.

Ordered That the western Shore Treasurer pay to Colo Richard Dallam one hundred and six Pounds, seven Shillings due on the Purchase of Cloathing part of the Account examined and passed by the Committee of Claims

That the said Treasurer pay to Christopher Edelin one hundred and thirty two Pounds thirteen Shillings for the use and to be delivered over to several Persons due on Certificates allowed by the Committee of Claims

C. B That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Dallam Esq. one hundred & forty eight Pounds, seventeen Shillings and seven Pence to be paid over by him to Sundry Persons and the further Sum of Forty eight pounds on his own proper Account as ꝑ Accounts passed by the Committee of Claims

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Truman One hundred Pounds to be delivered over to George Keeports and charged to him in Account to be expended in the making of Soldiers Cloathing.

That the said Treasurer pay to Zephniah Turner five Pounds for the use of Hezekiah Gardner due to him on Account passed by the Com of Claims

That the said Treasurer Pay to Edward Edgerly sixty Dollars Bounty he having enlisted James Miller, on Account for the recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer Pay to Daniel Jenifer Esqr nine thousand Dollars out of the Money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Prov^{s}

Ordered That the Commissary of stores deliver to Capt Benjamin Brooks of the third Regiment Red Cloth sufficient for a Coat and any other, for a Waistcoat, one Piece Brittanies and one Blanket & Trimmings for the above

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Alex Truman Two pair shoes, Red Cloth sufficient for a Coat and as much of any other kind as will make a Waistcoat and Breeches with Trimmings to be charged to the 6th Reg^{t}

Thomas Snowden of Ann Arundel County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State and William Hopkins and Gerrard Hopkins of said County took the Affirmation to this State according to the late Act & Cer^{t} given

Mr Burgess from the House of Delegates deliver to the Governor a Resolve requesting the Governor & Council to Order out such of the Militia of Cecil, Kent and Harford Counties or any other Adjacent Counties as may be necessary to Guard the Public Stores &^{ca}

Whereas this Board on the 13th Day of December last drew an Order on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore payable to William Wheatley Esqr for one hundred and four Pounds, fifteen Shillings and Eight Pence due to him by Accounts passed by the Board of Accounts and also an Order on same Treasurer Payable to William Haslet for three hundred and sixty three Pounds three Shillings and two Pence due to his Company whilst in actual Service per Accounts passed by the Board, but the said Orders are now returned unpaid by the said Treasurer Wherefore it is Ordered that the Western shore Treasurer pay to the said William Wheatley the said Sum of one hundred and four Pounds, fifteen Shillings and eight Pence

and the further sum of three hundred and sixty three Pounds, C. B.
three Shillings and two Pence to be delivered to William Haslet due to his Company as aforesaid

[Council to G. Keeports.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 8th April 1778.

Sir.

We are sorry that it is not in our Power to furnish the Soldiers with Blankets and every other Species of Cloathing more to the Satisfaction of their Officers. The Blanketts are very small and so is their Number, and if Colº Gist and Colº Smith will not receive them at the Rate of one for each Man, we would not have them delivered out otherwise, but shall send them to the Camp, for we cannot, by any Means, consent that Part of the Men shall have two Blankets and others 149
of them not one. It was very generall the Opinion here, that the Shalloon sent you, would make very good Coatees, and would doubtless, be much more serviceable than you imagine: however, if you have an Opportunity of exchanging it for Linen on fair and equal Terms, for any Kind that will make Shirts, Overalls or Coatees, it will be very agreeable to us, and if you can exchange a greater Quantity, we will send up the rest of the Shalloon we have by us. Some of the Matrosses here, had oznabrigs Coatees last Summer, in Stead of Hunting Shirts, they were better pleased and looked better with them: this has induced us to design the Linen should be made up in that Manner in Preference of Hunting Shirts. We have enquired into the Cost of Tin and find the prime Cost in London used to be, for double 8d and for single 4d pr Sheet. 3/. seems to bear but a small Proportion to the common advance; if it could be exchanged for Lead or Linen, with any Regard to the old Prices, it would be by much the most desirable, if not, 6/. for the double and 3/. for the single we think, little enough, as the Price of imported Goods in general is. We send you, by Capt Trueman £ 100. That and the Produce of the Tin, if you sell, reserving 4 Boxes of double Tin, will put you in Cash. It is very desirable to get Lead, we want as far as a Ton, if to be had, submit to the Price.

Capt Geo. Keeports. We are &ca

[Council to J. Randall.]

In Council Annapolis 8th April 1778.

Sir

We received your Letters of the 28th of March and the 2d Inst both together. We wrote you the 2d by Capt Fernandis

C. C. and by him sent a considerable Quantity of Cloathing with an Invoice. Our Purchase of Goods is not near so considerable as Doctor Wallace perhaps imagined, we yet want a great Deal, epecially of Linen. Any Thing which is useful for our Troops and that General Smallwood can command belonging to the Continent we hope and expect he will. Our Endeavours to cloath our own Troops does not, we suppose, shut them entirely out from the Continental Provision and we have no
p. 133 Doubt, but that many of the Regiments are principally, if not wholly, supplied from the Continental Stores, of which this State will, doubtless be charged with a Proportion. The Price of the Goods you may receive under General Smallwoods Orders, is not so very material; you will give Credit for such and on Delivery out, charge the Continent again with the same Price, with the actual Expences of making added. We expected you had received some ready made Cloathing of Mr Forman, from Kent, but from his Letter, it seems it is chiefly
150 delivered to Recruits. We are much in Genl Smallwood's Sentiments, as to the Propriety of getting a Plenty of Overalls for the Soldiers, but the Linen for them and for Shirts, will be greatly deficient. We are very desirous too of having Linen Coatees in Stead of Hunting Shirts, Oznabrigs, we think, would make good Overalls & Coatees We are not able immediately to furnish Money; but if you can purchase any Quantity of Linen and especially Oznabrigs at the Prices you mention do so, on Credit if you can, and you shall very soon have the Money, or if you cannot get it on Credit, advise us, if the Quantity is considerable by Express, if there's no good Opportunity and the Money shall, some how or other, be raked up. You mention the Prices as necessary, that the Soldiers may have their Pay deducted, in Case they sell their Cloathing, but this will, in our Circumstances, by no Means do, and enough must be taken from the Pay to replace the Cloathing, so made away with, else we shall never have half the Men cloathed.

Mr John Randall We are &^ca^

[Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

In Council Annapolis 8th April 1778.

Sir.

On Genl Smallwood and your Letters, the Assembly came to a Resolution for ordering out the Militia, a Copy of which we inclose you, in Consequence of which, we have given Orders for two Companies from Kent, Cecll and Harford

Counties, to meet at the Head of Elk, where we think they c. c.
and you may probably, by a free Communication of Sentiments, 151
from a general Plan for conducting the Business. The inclosed Letter to Mr Rodney is occasioned by yours, and requesting him to furnish some of the Delaware Militia, for guarding the Stores. We wish the Militia may be collected Time enough to answer the Purpose. Colo Dallam happens now to be here. Colo Rumsey and you had better be together as soon as you can, and send an Express for Colo Bordley, mentioning the Time for your Meeting.

We are &ca

P. S. We have wrote to the Lieuts that the Service being Continental it is expected that you will manage as to Provisions.

Colo Henry Hollingsworth

[Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 8th April 1778.

Sir

We inclose you a Resolution of the General Assembly passed this Morning, and, in Consequence of it, direct that two Companies of the first Class of the Militia of your County immediately march to Cecil or in the Delaware State, as Occasion may require, to perform with two Companies ordered from that and Kent, The Duties mentioned in the Resolve, and you are to give the necessary Orders accordingly. We think it may conduce to the Service that Colo Bordley, Colo Charles Rumsey, yourself and Colo Henry Hollingsworth should meet at the head of Elk as soon as may be, to consult on the Business and therefore request it, and, as from the Nature of the Service we apprehend three Field Officers may 152
be necessary, we hope one out of each County may be taken, and that it will give general Satisfaction. We expect as this is a mere Continental Service, Colo Hollingsworth will find the Provisions. If it should on Consultation be thought that the Number ordered is too small and Time will permit, we expect to be advised of it, but if the Occasion should be too pressing to admit of Delay that then the further necessary Number be taken of the next Militia or if we have ordered more than there's Occasion for, that we should be so advised, but we would, by no Means have the Guard too much weakened, as so much depends on collecting the Stores. We hope this Service, so necessary for our Army, will not be of any long Continuance.

We are Sir &ca

Colo Richard Dallam.

C. C. [Council to Bordley and Rumsey.]

In Council Annapolis 8th April 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you a Copy of the Resolution of the Assembly passed this Morning, and, in Consequence of it, direct you immediately to order out two full Companies of the Militia of your County of the Class next to that or those which have already served out of this State and direct them to march
153 without Delay for the purpose mentioned in the Resolve. We do not know from whence Colº Henry Hollingsworth designs to begin the Removal of the Stores. Give Notice to the Militia to get ready, and take the Trouble of meeting Colº Rumsey, Colº Dallam and Colº Henry Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk which, we think, will much promote the Service and we therefore request it. Besides the two Companies from your County, we direct two from Cecil and two from Harford. It is impossible to determine what additional Force may eventually be necessary; if it should be judged necessary to have more Militia out and the Time will admit of it, send an Express to us and the Reasons which induce the Opinion or, if the Occasion should be so urgent that it will not admit of the Delay, we would have the nearest Militia instantly called on, advising us immediately of the Proceeding and Occasion. We hope there will be no Difficulty in your agreeing on a proper Field Officer from each of the three Counties which, we imagine, considering the Duty may probably be a good Deal dispersed, will be necessary. The Service being merely Continental, we expect Colº Hollingsworth will manage, as to Provisions. We expect this Duty will not be of long Continuance. We have wrote to Govr Rodney for some of the Lower County Militia to join in this Service and if, on your Meeting you judge a less Number than we have directed, necessary, advise us of it, that we may burthen the Militia as little as possible, though we wish rather to have more than less than is barely sufficient for the Service.

We are Sir &ca

To Colº Wm Bordley &
Colº Chas Rumsey

P. S. To Colº Bordley.

We understand by Mr Maxwell that there is a Quantity of Lead in Chester, he supposes about 3 or 4000ll, of which we desire you will send over to this Place, 1000ll by the first favourable Opportunity. It would be proper to have Part of what you reserve run into Balls, suitable to the Bore of the

Guns, & Cartridges made up in Proportion. Let the Lieut[t] of Cecil have 100 Stand of Arms and, if Occasion, supply the Companies ordered on the present Service, with Powder and Ball. C. C.

[Council to Gov. Rodney.]

In Council Annapolis 8th April 1778.

Sir

In Consequence of Letters received from General Smallwood and Col[o] Henry Hollingsworth, strongly urging the Necessity of collecting a Body of Militia to cover the Stores purchased in your State and this, in their Removal to the Magazines, the Assembly formed a Resolution, of which the inclosed is a Copy—We have ordered two Companies of 154
Militia on this Service from each of the Counties of Kent, Cecil and Harford, which are as many, considering the Season of the year and all Circumstances, as can well be spared from thence, though perhaps not fully adequate to the Occasion. Col[o] Hollingsworth justly impressed with the Importance of the Service, desires us to join our Request to his, for some of the Delaware Militia to act with ours. We do so very cheerfully and hope the Propriety of your giving Orders for that Purpose may appear to you in the same strong Light that it does to us.

We have the Honor to be &[ca]

Governor Rodney.

Thursday 9th April 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Turbutt Wright two hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Charles Downes Purchaser of Provisions in Queen Annes County, out of the Money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to John Coward twenty one Pounds seven Shillings and six pence to be delivered over to John Thomas and the further Sum of one hundred and sixty eight Pounds to be delivered over to John Elliott due to them per Account passed by the Auditor General

That the said Treasurer Pay to Col. Thomas Dorsey Purchaser of Provisions in Ann Arundel County three thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be accounted for.

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro, sixty Dollars Bounty due to William Jenings enlisted by him and the further Sum of sixteen Dollars due to him for enlisting the said William Jenings passed by Lt Brice

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt John Thomas One thousand four hundred Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions.

John Plummer, Joseph Jacob, William Thornton, David Jones of Ann Arundel County Matthew Pawson of Caroline County and Edward Stephenson of Frederick County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act & Cert. given.

Benjamin Griffith is appointed Agent for Purchasing Provisions in Baltimore County in the room of John Sterrett who declined by reason of his having lately removed into Ann Arundel County

Ordered That Mr Keeport deliver to Richard Dallam Esqr one hundred and twenty Muskets & Bayonets, 25 Cartridge Boxes and five thousand Flints

Mr Williams from the House of Delegates deliver to the Governor the following Resolve

By the House of Delegates April 9th 1778.

Resolved That the Governor and the Council be empowered and requested during this Session of Assembly to appoint and Commission Militia Officers for Cecil, Harford, and Caroline Counties or any other County where it may be Judged necessary By order G Duvall Cl H. D. Thus endorsed, By the Senate April 9th 1778 Read and Assented to By order R Ridgely Cl. Sen.

Certificate given to Col Birkhead that it appears necessary that he shall draw on the Eastern shore Treasurer for four Pounds, fourteen Shillings and six Pence as per Account of William Maynadier and for Six Pounds five Shillings as per Certificate of John Bracco, Register of the Orphans Court on Account of William Brinsfield a wounded Soldier in the first Class of the 4th Batt of Talbot County.

Commissions issued to Ignatius Wheeler appointed Col. Alexander Rigdon, Lieut. Col° Robert Glen, Major William Fisher, Capt. Samuel Webb, first Lieut William Smith, second Lieut Sedwick James, Ensign Samuel Ashmead, Capt Grafton Preston, first Lieut Edward Bussey, second Lieut Nathl West, Ensign Thomas Hope, Capt. John Beall, first Lieut John Smith, second Lieut Joseph Macamson, Ensign Gabriel Vanhorne, Capt. John Long, Junr, first Lieut Robert Macamson, second Lieut James Steel, Ensign George Voghan, Capt. John

McDonal, first Lieut Samuel Watkins, second Lieut James C. B.
Corbet, Ensign William Morgan, Capt. John Farmer, first Lieut Daniel Root, second Lieut William Prigg, Ens. John Jolly, Capt John Montgomery, first Lieut David McSwain, 2 Lt John Cunningham, Ensign John Patrick, Capt. Winstone Dallam, first Lieut Samuel Baylis, Richard Ward Ensign, William Rigdon Captain, belonging to the Deer Creek Battalion of Militia in Harford County—also to William Haslet Col. Vincent Price Lieut Col^{o} Henry Downes Major. John Reynolds Capt. James Dwigons first Lieut, David Robertson second Lieut William Dickinson Ensign. Thomas Casson Capt. Allensby Jump first Lieut James Casson second Lieut, Solomon Kenting Ensign, Thomas Burk Capt. Solomon Kenting first Lieut, John Hardcastle second Lieut, Nathan Dwiggins Ensign. Thomas Hughlet Cap. Robert Hardcastle first Lieut Peter Harrington second Lieut, James Boone Ensign. Samuel Jackson Capt Ezekiel Robinson first Lieut, James Baggs second Lieut, William Jackson Ensign, Richard Keen Capt, Young Keene first Lieut, William Harper second Lieut, John Lee Ensign, Robert Postlethwait Capt. John White first Lieut, Joseph Everitt second Lieut, Edgar Rumney Ensign belonging to the twenty eighth Battalion of Militia in Caroline County also to Matthew Driver Col. Nathaniel Potter Lieut Col^{o} Joseph Richardson Major John Mitchel Capt. Peter Richardson first Lieut. Richard Callison second Lieut, John Chizmn Ensign, Thomas Lockerman Capt. Alexander Waddel first Lieut. Richard Frampton second Lieut, Elijah Clark Ens, Shadrack Liden Captain, John Hooper first Lieut, James White second Lieut. Seth Evitts Ensign, Nehemiah Andrew Capt. Aaron Mainship first Lieut, Nathan Mainship second Lieut. Ezekiah Wheeler Ensign, Hugh McBride Capt. Thomas Eaton, first Lieut John Dawson second Lieut, Richard Ozment, Ensign James Douglass Capt. Jesse Greyless first Lieut, James Chaffinch second Lieu^{t} Bentol Stevens Ens. Peter Rich Cap. Benjamin Dixon first Lieut. William Cary second Lieut, James Parmer Ensign—Belonging to the fourteenth Batt. of Militia in Caroline County—also to Francis Holland, Col^{o}, Aquila Paca Lieut Col^{o} John Beadle Hall Major John Rogers Capt. James Ford first Lieut. Archibald Baley second Lieut Bennett Barns Ensign. James White Hall Capt., Robert Stokes first Lieut Henry Stump Junr second Lieut, William Perkins Ens. Samuel Smith Capt. Matthew Mc Clentick first Lieut. James Walker second Lieut, James Kaiger Ensign John Wood Capt Cyrus Osborn, first Lieut, Asa Taylor second Lieut Aaron Grace Ensign Jacob Forwood Capt. John Ruff first Lieut. John Chansey second Lieut, George Lytle Ensign, George Patterson

C. B. Capt. Hugh Smith first Lieut. Obediah Pritchard second Lieut. Michael Gilbert of Charles Ensign. William Bradford Capt. Joseph Rose first Lieut. Hugh Kirkpatrick second Lieut, Edward Mc Comas Ensign Joseph Wheeler Capt. Edward Prigg first Lieut. William Clark second Lieut, James Lee of Samuel Ensign, Aquila Paca Junr Capt. Robert Morgan first Lieut belonging to the twenty third Battalion of Militia in Harford County also to Alexander Cowan Col^o^ James M^c^Comas Lieut Col. Samuel Caldwell Major James Tolbott Capt. Matthew Talbott first Lieut. Cornelius Garretson second Lieut John Scarf Ensign, Thomas Hutchens Capt. John Norris first Lieut, John Allen second Lieut, William Ewing Ensign. Daniel Scott Capt. Martin Preston first Lieut. James Bond second Lieut. Aquila Scott Ensign, Charles Baker Cap. Moses Johnson first Lieut. Richard Hutchens second Lieut. Nicolas Amos Ensign. Samuel Groom Osburn Cap. Lambert Wilmer first Lieut, Nicholas Echson second Lieut. John Day Ens. William Cole Capt. William Downes first Lieut, Joseph Rinshaw Junr second Lieut. Alexander Thompson Ens. Benjamin Amos Capt. Joshua Amos first Lieut, Josias Hitchcock second Lieut, Jesse Jarrett Ens. John Sewell Capt. Roger Boyce first Lieut. Aquila Norris of Edward Captain Gilbert Jones first Lieut. Mordecai Amos of James second Lieut, Nathaniel Smithson Ensign belonging to the Eighth Batt. of Militia in Harford County. also to Peregrine Tilghman Col. Robert Lloyd Nicols Lieut Col^o^ Joseph Bruff Major Woolman Gibson 3^d^ Capt. John Fountleroy first Lieut, Robert Hall second Lieut Jeremiah Garland Ensign, of Wye Comp^y^ John Dorhorty Capt. James Hook first Lieut. William Marsh Catrop second Lieut, Abel Grace Ensign of the Volunteer Comp^y^ William Goldsborough Capt. William Milward first Lieut William M^c^Callum second Lieut Thomas Tibbles Ensign of the Union Comp^y^ William Stevens Capt. William Alexander first Lieut. Thomas Jenkins second Lieut, Thomas Anderson Ensign, of the Volunteer Com^p^ 72^d^ John Thomas Junr Capt Samuel Thomas first Lieut. William Goldsborough second Lieut William Benny Ensign of the Sword in Hand Comp^y^ Samuel Abbott Capt. Randolph Johnson first Lieut, William Clark second Lieut. Solomon Robinson Ens. of the Bullinbrook Comp^y^ William Maynadier Capt. Levin Speding first Lieut, John Connolly second Lieut Edward Stevens Ensign of Third Haven Comp^y^ Nathaniel Cooper Captain Richard Johns 1 Lt Timothy Lane Price second Lieut, John Hardcastle Ensign of the Hand in Hand Comp^y^ belonging to the fourth Battalion of Militia in Talbot County also to Jeremiah Banning Col^o^ William Webb Haddaway Lieut Col^o^ John Role Major, George Dawson Cap. Robert Haddaway first Lieut Basil Sewell

second Lieut, John Haddaway Ens. of the Bay side Comp^y^ C. B.
Thomas Hopkins Capt Hugh Odd first Lieut, John Hamilton second Lieut, Thomas Harrison Ensign of the United Comp^y^ William Hamilton Capt. John Cork first Lieut, James Dowry second Lieut, James Barns Ensign of the Broad Creek Comp^y^ Henry Banning Capt. John Shannahan first Lieut, Mordecai Skinner second Lieut Henry Coleson Ensign of the Hearts of Oak Comp^y^ Jonathan Abell Capt. Richd Parrott first Lieut, Woolman Gibson 2^d^ second Lieut Carter Cockayne Ensign of the Miles River Comp^y^ Edward Sherwood Capt David Robinson Junr first Lieut, James Delahay second Lieut, John Markland Ensign of the Oxford Comp^y^ belonging to the thirty eighth Battalion of Militia in Talbot County.

[Council to Bordley and Rumsey.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 9th April 1778.

Sir

We are informed by a Letter from Col^o^ Hollingsworth of the 7th Ins^t^ just received, that Capt Lee left that Part of the County, by which the Stores at and in the Neighbourhood of the Head of Elk, are without any Kind of Guard. We therefore request that you will immediately order the two Com- 155
panies of your Militia to the Head of Elk, which by our Letter of Yesterday are desired to be called out. The Occasion is pressing and we hope there will be no Delay.

We are &^ca^

Col^o^ Wm Bordley &
Col^o^ Chas Rumsey

[Council to B. Griffith.]

In Council Annapolis 9th Ap^l^ 1778.

Sir

In Consequence of the Act for purchasing Provisions, we appointed Capt John Sterret, but he declined acting, alledging his being an Inhabitant of this County. We are sorry there has been so much Delay in this necessary Business and hope your Diligence will, as far as possible, retrieve it. Capt Sterret had several Copies of the Act, inclosed to him which he did not return to us, but hope he will to you, as we have no more Copies of the Law. We have Money sent us by Congress, and should be glad to know, as soon as possible, what Quantity of Provisions you are likely to get and, con- 156
sequently the sum immediately wanted, which waits your

C. C. Order, if not very large. It will be essential to the Service that you be punctual in your Returns agreeable to the Act, and advise us at the same Time, of the Places at which it is lodged, that we may give Directions, as to their Removal. If you purchase any barrelled Meat, be careful in your Examination of it and that it is in good Order, or put into good Order for Keeping.

We are &ca

Mr Benja. Griffith
Balto County

[Council to D. Beall.]

In Council Annapolis 9th Apl 1778.

Sir.

We are sorry to learn that few or none of the able People in your County have paid in any Thing of their Assessments and that the Recruiting Service is suffering for want of a Fund on which to carry it on. It is a Matter of the first Conse-
157 quence and we intreat your Industry in soliciting the People to pay in immediately, to enable you to pay for the Recruits. You can in nothing exert yourself more useful to your Country, than by pushing for Money sufficient to keep the Recruiting Service alive. You have, we expect, our former Directions to advance 120 Dollars to each of the Officers appointed under the Act of the last Session and to keep advancing, on the Recruits being passed, so as to keep each Officer 120 Dollars beforehand. To those Orders we now add our Desire that you will advance further to each of them sixty Dollars, so that each may have the full Bounty at all Times for three Recruits, and further that as any of the Regular Officers in our Maryland continental Regiments may inlist Men, you repay them the sixty Dollars Bounty on their Lodging with you, the Lieutenant of the County his Certificate of their being passed, with their Receipt for the Money, which you will be careful to preserve as Vouchers for your Account.

Danl Beall Esqr Shff. of Washington
Recruiting Officers under the Act
Francis Burgess Adam Utt
Richd Davis Junr Isaac McCrackin

We are &ca

Chas Prather.

C. B. Friday 10th April 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores to deliver Sunday Cloathing to the Officers of the Galley Baltimore per List sent charging them accordingly

That the said Commissary of Store deliver to John Cox C. B.
check for two pair Trousers

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Edward Edgerly Cloathing for twenty Recruits of the second Regiment per Order sent

Peter Moor of Annapolis, Samuel Owings, Thomas Owings and Alexander Wells of Baltimore County took the Oath of Fidelity & Support to this State according to the late Act & Certificates given

Mr Jacob Giles having laid before this Board Letters from his Son Aquila Giles now a Prisoner in Philadelphia desiring that a Waggon may be sent with Provisions for his Subsistance and to defray his necessary Expenses. And also a Letter from General Smallwood of the 30th March desiring that Aquila Giles's Request may be complied with and promising to forward the Provisions to the Middle Ferry on Skuylkil with a Flagg. It is therefore permitted on the Request of the said Jacob Giles that he send the Provisions in a Waggon to General Smallwood at Wilmington for his further Orders therein who will or will not Permit them to go forward as he may judge proper and all Persons within this State are required and those in the neighbouring States are requested to permit Mr Giles's Waggon to Pass to and from Wilmington on the said Business

It appearing by a Certificate from the Clerk of Prince Georges County that the Reverend Mr John Bowie has taken the Oath of Fidelity to this State and Subscribed the same agreeable to Act of Assembly and there having been no Complaints made before this Board of any misconduct of the said Bowie since his entering into Bond the 29 of March 1777, It is ordered that he be permitted to go at Large

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer Pay to Lieut Allison three hundred and sixty Dollars out of the money sent by Congress so far as it will go and the residue out of any other Money he may have making up the Order and charging the same to the third Regiment for the Recruiting Service

[Council to Delegates in Congress.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 10 th April 1778.

Gent

We inclose you an Account of the Expenses of Prisoners in this State so far as the Claims could be collected, though, we are apprehensive some have not come in owing to the Want of a regular Manner of doing Business, the Congress having sent the Prisoners most commonly, to the Committees 158
of Observation and the Advances or Payments by this State

C. C. being generally made on the pressing Instances of the Committees or those who had the immediate Care of the Prisoners. We send also a Bundle of Vouchers but you'll observe that there are none for a Part of the Account. Those Articles were long ago allowed on proper Vouchers and the Money actually paid but the Vouchers are mislaid. Be pleased to present the Account and the Vouchers we send before the 15th that this State may not forfeit its Claims. The Commissions &ca for Privateers sent hither are all used, they are frequently taken rather with a View to ascertain the Property and prevent their being taken by Privateers under Pretences of Suspicion, as has been the Case in some Instances, notwithstanding regular Clearances, than any Expectation of making Captures. We therefore request you'll have a Supply of Commissions &ca sent us by the first Opportunity

We are &ca

Delegates for Maryland
in Congress

C. B. Saturday 11th April 1778.

Present as on yesterday—

Zadock Soaper, Richard Hoggins, Ignatius Hagan, Basil Nott John Kelly of Montgomery County Andrew Davidson of Baltimore County William Watson of Prince Georges County; James Bonnedy, Joshua Carroll and John Todd of Ann Arundel County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State and Richard Watters of Montgomery County took the Affirmation according to the late Act and Certificates given

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Chalmers Sundry Cloathing for Capt. Eccleston, Lieut Woolford of the second Regt & himself vide List.

That the said Commissary of Stores Pack up forty Blankets, and send them on board the Dolphin Capt. Ricd Bryan, to be delivered to George Keeports in Balto.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to James Boyle of the Galley Baltimore, 40 pair Shoes, 10 Shirts, 20 Coarse do 20 check Do or check to make them, 50 yds Oznd 4½ yds black serge Denim, ½ yd Buff cloth 12 yds russia Drab, 3 yds Stript Holland & 4½ yds red Cloth with Thread and Trimmings

That the said Commissary of Stores Deliver to Edwd Edgerly Adgt of 2d Regt 1 Coatee, 1 Jacket, 1 pr Breeches, 2 Shirts, 1 pr Shoes 2 pr Stockgs & 1 Blanket for James Miller a Recruit

Commission Issued to Aquila Hall, Aquila Paca, John Love, C. B.
Alexander Cowen & John Rumsey appointed Justices of the Orphans Court for Harford County

Whereas by a Deposition lodged in Council that John Schriver and John Cromwell both of Ann Arundel County, have dissuaded and advised a certain Elijah Robinson Junr from taking the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and Provided which Conduct of the said John Schriver and John Cromwell appear to this Board to be inimical to the cause of America and is a good Ground to believe their going at large may be dangerous to the safety of this State. Wherefore it is Ordered that the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County take the aforesaid John Schriver and John Cromwell, if in his County and their Bodies have before the Governor and Council at Annapolis immediately to Answer the Premises and further that the said Sheriff summon the aforesaid Elijah Robinson Junr to appear before the Governor and Council immediately at Annapolis to testify the truth of his Knowledge concerning the Premises

Zephaniah Turner Esqr of Charles County appointed Auditor General by the Assembly in the room of Col^o Stone who has resigned, Qualified in Presence of the Governor and Council by taking the several Oaths directed in the Resolve and giving Bond with Thomas Semmes & Alex McPherson Securities for the faithful Performance of his Duty

[Council to Gist.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 11th April 1778.

Sir

We have drawn 360 Dollars for Lieu^t Allison to Discharge the bounty of the six Recruits. The money sent by Congress is expended and our Treasury will not bear an advance. We have wrote to Congress for more Money, but unless Gen^t will pay in their Assessments, by which the Recruiting Service has 159
been carried on in this County, we do not see how it will be possible to carry on the Business. We shall send up a Few Blankets to Mr Keeports. From his Letter, and Col^o Smith's taking 80 of the 100 Blankets sent to Baltimore the other Day, we suspect the Col^o has taken two to a Man, but we expect, if that is the Case, they'll be returned. Every Gen^t in the Army must know that we shall be very lucky if we can get one Blanket for each Man and it would be an inexcusable Partiality in us to furnish some with two Blankets and as many with none. It is necessary that we should be furnished with

c. c. a List of the Recruits, by whom inlisted and the Cloathing furnished them and by whom, and we shall be obliged to you for such a List, of those for your Regiment.

We are &ca

P. S. The Names of the Recruits and the Places of their Inlistment, will be necessary, as well Account of the promised Bounty of Land, as for many other Reasons.

Colo Gist

[Council to G. Keeports.]

In Council Annapolis 11th April 1778

Sir

From Colo Gist's Letter, informing us that Colo Smith has taken 80 of the 100 Blankets sent you, compared with yours,
160 mention that Colo Gist and Colo Smith's talking of sewing two Blankets together to serve for one, we suspect the Delivery has been of two for each Recruit: if so you must consider that Delivery as without Orders, and we expect the Number delivered beyond the Number of Recruits, will be returned We wish to deal equally by all. The Number of Blankets we have, or can get, will not supply each with one. We are sorry for the Necessity of it, but we request that you will not deliver to any Officer, any further Quantity of Cloathing, than he then has Recruits ready for it, and such as have not been before supplied. We are Sir &ca

Capt Geo. Keeports.

[Council to Gist.]

In Council Annapolis 11th Apl 1778.

Sir

Mr Lux offers us 6 ps blue, 2 ps Scarlet, 1 ps Green and 1 ps light Cloth containing each about 20 yards at £5.10 pr yard. One of the Pieces of Scarlet he mentions is a little stained, though, he expects, not within the first Fold. We are desirous of procuring a Suit for each of our Officers at Camp, and request you'll take the Trouble to look at the Cloth and if you think it will suit the Purpose and be satisfactory to the
161 Gentlemen, we shall be obliged to you to receive it, have it packed up securely, and sent, with your Recruits, to Wilmington, to be delivered to Mr. John Randall, who does this Kind of Business for us there; We inclose you Samples of the Cloth. If you think we can do better, be pleased to advise us of it. We are Sir &ca

Colo Gist.

[Council to Colonels.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 11th April 1778.

Sir.

It is necessary we should be furnished with a List of the Recruits of each of the Maryland Continental Troops, by whom inlisted, the Cloathing received and by whom delivered, and we request you will transmit us such a List, of those of 162
the first Regiment, as soon as may be, the Names of the Recruits and the Places of their Inlistment will be necessary, as well on Account of the promised Bounty of Land, as for many other Reasons. We are &ca

The Colos of the Maryland Continental Regiments

[Council to J. Nicholson.]

In Council Annapolis 11th Apl 1778.

Sir. The Dolphin goes up for such of the Virginia's Crew as are at Baltimore. The Plater will lie ready for a Part of them. If it can be done instantly perhaps the Dolphin's Bottom had better be cleaned in Baltimore: We wish to see her return as quick as possible, with a full double set of Men. It had better be given out that the Design is to Man the 163
Johnson Galley. If Capt Nicholson is gone to York, we hope he has said enough to make this intelligible.

We are &ca

Capt. James Nicholson or the 1st Officer now at Baltimore of the Virginia

[Council to Sheriffs.]

Circular—In Council Annapolis 12th April 1778.

Sir

We wrote you heretofore, desiring you to advance and keep in Advance the Recruiting Officers in your County, under the late Act, forty Dollars for each of three Recruits. We now desire that they may be kept in Advance for three Recruits the full Bounty, that is, keep each of them in Hand one hundred and eighty Dollars in the Whole, and if any of our Regular Officers should raise Recruits and have them 164
passed agreeable to the former or the inclosed Act, upon their Receipt on the Certificate we would have you pay them the sixty Dollars Bounty: We hope you have qualified your-

c. c. self to receive the Assessment Tax and that you have already received fully sufficient for this Purpose, if you have not, pray exert yourself, that the Recruiting Service, which it is the Duty of every Man to forward, may not suffer for want of Money.

We are &ca

To the Sheriffs of the several Counties.

[Council to County Lieutenants.]

Circular. In Council Annapolis 12th April 1778.

Sir

We inclose you several Copies of the Act to procure Troops for the American Army, one of which is designed for each of the Field Officers of your County, which be pleased to dis-
165 tribute: the others of them for the Magistrates and those who are more immediately concerned in the Execution of the Law. We very much wish a proper Spirit may diffuse itself throughout the State, so that the Number of Recruits we want may be made up, by voluntary Inlistments and in order that there may be a Supply of the Bounty Money, the inclosed Letter to the Sheriff of your County, containing Orders to him to pay the sixty Dollars Bounty on your Certificate or the Certificate of a Field Officer, for every Recruit you or he may pass, agreeable to the Act. All Recruits and Substitutes within your County, we request may be delivered, as soon as may be, to any of the Regular Officers of the Maryland Continental Regiments, to the End they may be sent forward to the Camp with all Expedition and, if there should be no Regular Officers in your County to receive them, send them to the Regular Officer the nearest to you or advise him of your having such Recruits or Substitutes and request him to take charge of them. We cannot but repeat our Wish, that our Quota of Recruits may be raised and, as it will depend in great Measure, on the Activity of the Recruiting Officers, be so obliging as to advise us of the Conduct of those appointed under the late Act, in your County and, if remiss, mention to us such as you think would be more diligent, in the Place of those,

We are &ca

To the Lieuts of the several Counties

Monday 13th April 1778 C. B.

Present as on Saturday Edward Loyd Esqr Attended

It is the Opinion of the Governor & Council from all Circumstances appearing to them that the Boat Captured by Joseph Middleton and others is the Property of William Black of Virginia and ought to be delivered to him

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Doct. George Robinson thirteen Pounds, fifteen Shillings due to him and the further Sum of Fifteen Pounds, sixteen Shillings for the use of John Mackall per Acct passed by A. G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Col. Edward Lloyd Thirty two Dollars per Acct examd & Passed by the Board of Accounts the 2d Febry 1778.

That the said Treasurer Pay William Goldsmith seventy seven Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence per Account passed by the A Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Priestly fifty four Pounds eight Shillings and two Pence due her for nursing and Boarding the Defences Crew as per Account passed by the Auditor General

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain Williams of the 2d Regiment Sundry Cloathing per List sent charged to that Regiment

Ordered That the Sheriff of Prince Georges County Pay to Capt. Lilburn Williams three hundred and sixty Dollars for the Recruiting Service to be charged to the second Regiment

Tuesday 14th April 1778

Present as on yesterday James Hindman Esqr Attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to John Veazey Esqr sixty two Pounds, eight shillings for the use and to be delivered over to William Veazey due to him per Account passed by the Auditor General

That the said Treasurer Pay to Charles Downes Purchaser of Provisions in Queen Annes County Nine hundred Dollars out of the Money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions

That the Said Treasurer Pay to Captain John David five hundred and Thirty Eight Pounds, seventeen Shillings and four Pence due to the Crew of the Galley Conqueror lately under his Command and the further sum of Twenty six Pounds one shilling & five Pence per Account passed by the Auditor General

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hays forty five

C. B. Pounds eleven shillings and nine pence per Account passed by the Auditor General

That the said Treasurer Pay to Martin Norris fifteen Pounds per Acc^{t} passed

That the said Treasurer Pay to Elisha Williams eight Pounds eight shillings for the use of Philip Houser and the further Sum of eight Pounds, eight Shillings for the use of Jonathan Tucker for Waggon hire per Accounts passed by the A Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Thomas Stone Eight Pounds for the use of Robert Tuson for his Service in the Militia as Cartman per Acc^{t} passed by the A Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Martin Norris sixteen Pounds fourteen Shillings and one Penny & the further Sum of twenty two Pounds, one Shilling and seven Pence half penny commission on the Purchase of Cloathing by Joseph Wilkinson Calvert County per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. General and also the further sum of one thousand five Hundred Dollars to be delivered over to Patrick Sim Smith Purchaser of Provisions in Calvert County out of the money sent by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be expended for that Purpose and Accounted for

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Lilburn Williams 3 Coatees, 3 Jackets, 3 p^{r} Breeches, 3 p^{r} Shoes, 6 pair Stockings 6 Shirts, 3 Hatts, and if 2 Coatees are deficient in Edgerly's order deliver them and charge the whole to the 2^{d} Reg^{t}.

C. C. [Council to H. Hooper.]

In Council Annapolis 14th April 1778.

Sir.

The fourth of March John Chalmers produced a Number of Recruits to Col^{o} James Brice Lieuten^{t} of this County, to be passed, Part of those he, about that Time, brought over from Dorchester where; we believe, he had inlisted them. The Proceeding was not altogether so regular as we wished it, but, thinking it not worth while to send them back for a mere Formality, we advised Col^{o} Brice to pass them, if, on examination
166 he thought them Effective. He did so their Names are Joseph Birch, John Bandy, Ruben Moore, William Cantwell, William Beaver, Thomas Bucklar, Peter Cahoon and William Gould, in all eight, of which we think it right to give you this Information, to prevent your County being charged with an over Proportion.

Henry Hooper Esqr
Lieu^{t} Dorchester County

We are Sir &^{ca}

[Council to P. S. Smith.] C. C.

In Council 14th April 1778.

Sir.

We have sent you, by Martin Norris, 1500 Dollars, towards the Purchase of Provisions. We shall be glad to receive Information from you that more is wanted: this, we expect, may last you some Time. It will not do, by any Means, to barrel Beef at this Time of the year. If Gentlemen who have Cattle 167
fit for Slaughter will not part from them when the Army so much needs them, we request you'll make Use of the Power given you by the Law, and get the Cattle, at all Events. If you receive Money for the Congress, and should have Occasion to expend it in the Purchase of Provisions, do so, but we would not have you keep it in Hand in Expectation of its being wanted for that Purpose because we hope to have Money in Hand to supply you and we know it is desirable to draw what we can into the Continental Treasury.

We are &ca

Patrick Sim Smith
Calvt County.

Wednesday 15 April 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to John Smith Ten Pounds, sixteen Shillings due to him and also the further Sum of one hundred and twenty six Pounds ten Shillings for the use of James Sterett per Accounts passed by the Committee of Claims & Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Vachel Worthington seven Pounds ten shillings to be delivered over to Charles Worthington for Waggon hire per Account passed by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Doct Richard Tootel seventy four Pounds, eleven shillings due to him per Account passed by the A General.

Commissions issued to Leonard Loutz appointed second Lieut in Captain Whites Company Edward Salmon first Lieut of Capt. Haff's Compy in the Frederick Town Battalion of Militia also to Michael Bierly second Lieut of Capt Jacob Crist's Comy Lawrence Creager Ensign and Jacob Crist Captain of a Company in Colo James Johnson's Battalion of Militia in Frederick County

C. B Thursday 16th April 1778.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Edward Spurrior of the 4th Regiment, Linen for two Shirts, Cloth for a Coat & Waistcoat with Thread and Trimmings suitable

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver Levin Frazier of the Galley Independence sundry Cloathing per List sent.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Montjoy Bailey Linen for two Shirts and Cloth for a Coat with Trimmings

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Selah Tucker Thirty Pounds per Account passed by the A General

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Nevin One hundred & Nine Pounds, sixteen shillings and six Pence Amount of Account, passed by the Auditor General for the use of William Nevin & Co

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to William Bentley sixteen Pounds ten Shillings per Account passed by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Colo Joseph Wood Iunr seven hundred & ninty six Pounds, twelve Shillings and four Pence for the use of Col Beatty fourteen Pounds for the use of John Grabrel, One Pound one Shilling and eight Pence for the use of John Gerver, eleven Pounds eight shillings for the use of John Cookerly and the further Sum of one hundred and five Pounds ten shillings due to himself per Accounts passed by the Aud. General

That the said Treasurer Pay to Colo Joseph Wood fifteen hundred Dolls out of the Money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be delivered over to Colo William Beatty to be expended & Accounted for

That the said Treasurer Pay to Richard Ridgely twelve Pounds to be delivered over to Ely Dorsey for Waggon hire per Certa allowed by the A. Genl Capt. Matthews, The Johnson Galley, Ship Defence & Brig Friendship are to be removed to Baltimore Town their Sails to be lodged in a Sail makers loft, labelled so as to be distinguished and receipts taken for them, Their Rigging to be sent into a Convenient warehouse, and inventoried the Inventory & Receipts to be returned to the Governor and Council the Vessels to be carried as near the Falls as convenient and moored by each other—The Chester Galley is to have the Johnson's Anchors and Cables. The Gunner of the Defence is to be left in Charge of the Vessel. The Invalid at Baltimore belonging to the Independence and one of the most indifferent Hands belonging to the

Baltimore Galley are to be left with the Gunner to wet the Decks and Assist him in taking care of the Vessels C. B.

Commissions issued to Joseph Wilkinson appointed Col° Patrick Smith Lieut Col° John Brooke Major, Edward Wood Capt. Thomas Hutchings first Lieut, Thomas Leach second Lieut John Wood Ensign, Thomas Cleland Capt. Joseph Ireland first Lieut, Roger Hooper second Lieut, Gabriel Childs Ensign, Charles Williamson Capt. John Spicknall first Lieut, Thomas Gray second Lieut Daniel Kent Ensign, Frisby Freeland Capt. James Heighe first Lieut Edward Reynolds second Lieut, Samuel Hance Ensign, Walter Smith Capt, John Turner first Lieut, John Clare second Lieut, Thomas Johnson Ensign. James Graham Capt. Thomas Jones, first Lieut, John Grahame second Lieut, William Fitzhugh jun^r Ensign, Benjamin Bond Capt. Nathan Wilson first Lieut, Allen Roberts second Lieut John Mills Ensign James Leach Capt, Martin Norris first Lieut, Gilbert Ireland second Lieut, Nathan Smith Ensign, Frederick Skinner Capt, John Wilkinson Hunt second Lieut, Joseph Blake Ensign, Thomas Trueman Greenfield Capt Michael Taney first Lieut, Robert Skinner second Lieut, James Mackall Ensign Richard Parran Capt. Daniel Rawlings Junr first Lieut, Edmund Clare second Lieut, Jesse Jacob Bourne Ensign, belonging the Calvert County Battalion of Militia also to Alexander Hawkins Watts Capt. John Reeder Junr first Lieut, George Combs second Lieut. Robert Greaves Ensign, William Bennett first Lieut, Benjamim Williams second Lieut, William Holton Ensign of Captain John H. Abell's Comp^y William Herbert Ensign of Captain John Mackall's Company belonging to the Lower Battalion of Militia in St Mary's County.

[Council to C. Beatty.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 16th Ap^l 1778.

Sir.

We do not know what Number of Arms you can spare Col° Hughs, if so far as 100 Stand, we request you to do so, as we think the 50 will not be sufficient. We sent up some Barrells to White and Razor the other Day, which we hope, will be soon fitted. The Subject of your Letter, we thought 168
very proper for the Consideration of the Assembly: it is laid before them and we expect a just and regular System will be adopted with Respect to Waggons. You shall be furnished with the Result, as soon as it is known to us.

We are &^ca

Col° Charles Beatty

C. B. Friday 17th April 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That Mr Crysall supply the Dolphin with a Barrel of Beef a Barrell of Pork two Barrels of Bread and 12 lb Candles

Mr Harris is requested to furnish the Dolphin with 40 Galls Whiskey

Capt Campbell is requested to furnish the Dolphin with half a Barrel of Musket powder 200 Swivel Balls and 400 Musket Cartridges

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores, deliver to Capt Gordon Brittanies for 2 Shirts.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Gale 12 Blankets and 14 Knapsacks for the Artillery Men sent under his Commd to E Shore

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Somerville of the sixth Regiment 7 yds. Linen

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Jacob Mitinger twelve Pounds, ten Shillings for Expences in bringing Thomas Wright a State Prisoner from Baltimore Town and the further Sum of Twenty four Pounds three Shillings and Nine Pence for his & Men's Expences in taking up Deserters per Accounts examined & Passed by the A General Lieut Gale.

You are to proceed with all Expedition to Chester Town with your Detachment of Artillerists, Artillery & small Arms & be subject to the Orders of Colo Bordley it is designed you should act in Concert with the Militia against the Insurgents.

If the wind should prove unfavourable so that Attempting to get to Chester may occasion delay you are to land at Queen's Town call on any Militia Officer immediately for Assistance of Carriages &ca and proceed forward to join the Militia collected some where we expect in the Head of Queen Annes County sending an Express as soon as you get to Queen's Town to Colo Hemsley and another to Colo Bordley—the Arms & Cartouch Boxes may be delivered to either of them. We trust your Activity will be equal to the Occasion

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt Thomas Coursey one thousand four hundred and fifty two Pounds, fifteen Shillings and eight Pence due himself & Crew of the Chester Galley per Pay roll examd & passed by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Charles Wallace, Paymr five hundred Pounds to Pay the Matross Companies to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Nathan Waters two hundred

& thirty five Pounds, five Shillings per Account passed by the Auditor General, C. B.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Charles Lansdale Forty five Pounds to be delivered over to William Beans as per Account passed by the Aud. General,

That the said Treasurer Pay to Robert John Smith two hundred & twenty five Pounds, twelve Shillings & six Pence Amo^t of Acco^t passed by the A. Genl.

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Nevin seventy four Pounds nineteen Shillings & one Penny due Nevin & C° per Acc^t passed by the A. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Eastman & Neth forty Pounds Am^t of Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl.

Commission issued to Turbutt Wright, James Kent, James Bordley, William Bruff, James O Bryan, Jacob Ringgold, John Register Emery, Saml Ridgeway John Fisher, Charles Downes, Clement Sewell, Thomas Carradine, John Dames Vinson Benton Philemon Downes, Levin Downes Thomas Barnes Junr & Richard Tilghman 4th app^d Justices of the Peace for Queen Annes County also James Kent, James Bordley, Willm Bruff, James OBryan & Jacob Ringgold appointed Justices of the Orphans Court for Queen Annes County

Ordered that Capt Matthews deliver to Capt. Coursey out of the Johnson Galley what Rigging & Pig Iron he may want for the Chester Galley

Lieut Cox, You are to proceed to Cambridge with the Baltimore Galley and there deliver the Arms you have in under the care of such Person as Robert Goldsborough Esquire shall direct you, who is requested to write to the Lieut^s of Dorchester and Caroline Counties the six Boxes marked D are for Dorset and the five marked C for Caroline 150 Stand for each County, You are to receive at Cambridge what Continental and State Goods are there and with them return to Annapolis with all Dispatch none of the Goods must be taken on board loose and if any of the Packages want repair it must be done by those who have the Care of the Goods take every precaution to prevent embezzlement.

[Council to G Keeports.] C. C.

In Council 17th Ap^l 1778.

Sir

We are desired by the Board of War, in a Letter received this Minute, to have a Number of Tin Boxes made for the 169
Carriage of Cartridges: wherefore we request you'll not sell another Sheet of the Public Tin. We shall send up Directions as to making them, in a Day or two. We are &^ca

Capt George Keeports.

C. C. [Council to W. Hemsley.]

In Council Annapolis 17th April 1778

Sir

We have thought it necessary, from the Information given to us by Colº Bordley's Letters recd this Morning to send 32 of our Matrosses, two Field Pieces, such as we have, and two
170 hundred small Arms, with Directions to proceed to Chester, if the Wind serves, if not, to land at Queen's Town, sending an Express, if they stop at Queen's Town to you and to Colº Bordley. If the Affair should grow more Serious, call on Dorset, Talbot and Caroline for Assistance and advise us by all Means, of your situation that we may if necessary, send you further Assistance from this Shore. If Things should be better, we desire that every Thing may be returned in the State they are, as we do not know where or when they will be next most wanted. We are &ca

William Hemsley Esqr

[Council to Col. Bordley.]

In Council 17th April 1778

Sir

We send you thirty two Artillery Men, two Field Pieces, such as we have, two Hundred stand of good Arms and all the Cartouch Boxes we have fit for Use about 130. We have directed that if the Wind serves they proceed to Chester Town and follow your Orders; that if the Wind will serve no farther, they proceed to Queen's Town and follow the Orders of Colº Hemsley, dispatching Expresses to both of you, getting the Assistance of the Militia Officers to forward them towards your Rendesvous, wherever it may be. Any Provisions convenient, whether ours or Continental, must be applied, but with all the Frugality and Exactness that the Nature of the Service will permit. If you should prove too hard for the Insurgents, we would not have you stop short at the Line of our own State, but follow them 'til they are entirely broke
171 up and we must give way to the disagreeable Necessity of making a free and effectual use of the Arms we hold in the Defence of our Country. If Things should be settled before this Supply gets over, you are to return every Thing in the same Order we send it, that it may be ready for the next Occasion for when or where it may happen we cannot foretel. It is out of our Power to supply Blankets. We are &ca

Colº Bordley

Saturday 18th April 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer five Pounds amot of Account passed by the A. General and the further Sum of one hundred and forty six Pounds, nine Shillings and four Pence per Account passed by the Committee of Claims.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Colo Steward five thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Benjamin Mackall 4th one hundred and ninty nine Pounds, four Shillings and eight Pence due to Sundries and the further Sum of forty eight Pounds three Shillings & nine Pence due himself as per Accounts passed by the Aud. General

That the said Treasurer Pay to Col. William Hyde two hundred & thirty two Pounds and seven Pence half Penny to be by him delivered over to Capt. Robert Conway due him per Acct passed by the A General.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen three hundred & sixty Pounds and two pence per Account passed by the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Walter Bowie six pounds sixteen Shillings & six Pence for the use of Geo. Alder per Acct passed by the A Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Todd seven Pounds seven Shillings per Account passed

Ordered That the Sheriff of Frederick County Pay to Colo Otho Williams two thousand Dollars out of the money received on the Assessment to be expended by him in the recruiting Service and Accounted for

That the Western shore Treasurer pay Col. Samuel Smith seventy two Pounds and the further Sum of Eighty four Pounds for the use of Samuel Chestis as per Accounts passed by the Auditor General

That the said Treasurer Pay to Doctr Philip Thomas six Pounds ten shillings to be delivered over to Nicholas White for the use of his Company of Militia per Pay roll examined and allowed by the Aud. General and also the further Sum of two Pounds ten Shillings for the use of John Stoner and the further sum of Ten Pounds, seven shillings for the use of Barnard Linganfelter per Certificate allowed by the Auditor General

That the said Treasurer Pay to Alexander Somerville Esqr Forty two Pounds for the use of Levin Mills due him on Account passed by the A General and also the further Sum

C. B. of eighty five Pounds one shilling & nine Pence for the use of and due to Sundry of the Militia of Calvert County per Acc^ts^ passed by the A Gen

Monday 20th April 1778.

Present as on Saturday

Commissions issued to William Winder Iun^r^ appointed Captain, John Dashiell first Lieut, William Venables second Lieut, & Henry Handy Ens. of the Salisbury Company in the Salisbury Batt. of Militia in Somerset County.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Isaac Harris one hundred and ninty five Pounds, five shillings due to him per Acc^t^ passed by the A General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Johnson eight Pounds, one Shilling and six Pence due to him per Account passed

That the said Treasurer Pay to Doct. Philip Thomas twenty three Pounds, fourteen Shillings for the use of Barton Philpot for the hire of his Waggon per Cert^a^ allowed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Allen Quynn two hundred & fifteen pounds ten shillings and Eleven Pence half Penny due to him per Account passed the Tenth of February last by the Board of Accounts

C. C. [Council to Gist.]

In Council Annapolis 20th April 1778

p. 142 Sir.

We are of Opinion Mr Lux's Cloth had better be taken and sent forward for Cloathing for such of the Officers whose Wants may make such desirable. If better could be got for a tolerable Price we should prefer it and if there should be an Opportunity of getting what is genteeler, we shall procure it. We have already sent a good Deal of Stuff to Mr Randall for Breeches. We are desirous of accommodating the Soldiers as far as we possibly can. Col^o^ Smith remarks that the Blankets are some of them much smaller than others and that where they would by any Means answer the Purpose, he took one only to a Man. We request you'll be as frugal as possible with the Blankets; our Stock of about 500 in the whole are, and we see no Prospect of getting more, or soon will be expended. Such as will by no Means do singly, must be double but let the Instances be as few as possible. By the first Opportunity we shall send up 300 Pair of Shoes.

We are &^ca^

Col^o^ Gist.

[Council to G. Keeports.] C. C.

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Capt Keeports.

Where Knapsacks may be wanted for our Recruits, furnish them as far as you have them. In such Instances as the Blankets will not, from their small size, answer the Purpose of a Blanket, deliver two to be joined, but we hope the Instances will be but few.

Capt Keeports

[S. Chase to Gov. Johnson.] Original

York Town 20 April 1778.

Dear Sir

General Howe has sent out of Philadelphia a Cart loaded with Hand-Bills expressing to be A Draught of a Bill to declare the Intentions of Parliament, concerning the Exercise of the Rights of imposing Taxes, within the Colonies

And be it Enacted & declared, That the King and Parliament, after the Passing the Act, will not impose any Duty Tax or assessment whatsoever, payable within any of the Colonies, except only such Duties, as it may be expedient to impose for the Regulation of Commerce: the net produce of such Duties to be paid and applied to the use of the Colony, in which levied, in such manner, as other Duties collected by the Authority of the general Courts or Assemblys of such Colony, are ordinarily paid & applied.

A Draught of a Bill to enable his Majesty to appoint Commissioners to treat, consult and agree upon Means of quieting Disorders in the Colonies.

And be it enacted &c. That——Persons, to be appointed by his Majesty, shall have Power to treat, consult and agree, with such Body or Bodies political & corporate, or with such assembly, or assemblies of Men, or with such Person or Persons, as they shall think meet, of & concerning any Grievances or Complaints, existing or supposed to exist, in the Government of any of the Colonies, or in the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, respecting the same, and of or concerning any aid or Contribution to be furnished, by all or any of the Colonies respectively, for the common Defence of the Realm, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, and of & concerning such other Regulations, provisions, matters & things, as, upon mature Deliberation of the Commrs or any —— of them, shall be thought necessary or convenient for the Honor of his

Original Majesty, and the common Good of all his Subjects: Provided that no Regulation, provision, matter or thing, so proposed, treated, consulted or agreed shall have any other force or Effect or be carried further into Execution, than is mentioned in this Act, until approved by Parliament.

Provided also that the Commrs or any —— of them may order & proclaim a Cessation of Hostilities, on the part of his Majestys Troops, in any of the Colonies, for any Time, & under any Conditions or Restrictions, they shall think convenient, and such order & proclamation may revoke & annul, according to their Discretion.

And be it Enacted That the Commrs or any of them, may by proclamation suspend the operation & effects of the Act of Parliament, of the 16th year of his Majesty "for prohibiting all Trade & Intercourse," or of any of the provisions or Restrictions therein contained, for such convenient Time, as they think proper.

And be it Enacted That the Commrs &c. shall have Power to suspend, in such place, & for such Times, as they may think fit, during the Continuance of this act, the operation & Effect of all or any of the Act or Acts of Parliament, which have passed, since 10th February 1763, & which relate to any of the Colonies, so far as the same does relate to them.

And be it Enacted That the Commrs &c. shall have Power to grant a Pardon or Pardons to any number or Description of Persons, within any of the Colonies, & to appoint a Governor in any Colony, with such powers as heretofore granted by his Majesty.

The Act to continue in force till 1st June 1779.

Published by order of the Commander in chief

Philada 14 April 1778. Robert Mackenzie Secry

Two opinions prevail here. Some that this insidious Silence originated in Philadelphia, others the far greater number believe it came from the Ministry. the manifest Intention is to amuse us with a Prospect of Peace & to relax our Reservations. I hope my Countrymen will have too much good sense to be deceived. I think it would be adviseable immediately to publish this Attempt, but I hope it will be attended with some Remarks to expose its Design, & remove the baneful Effects it may have on the credulous & weak among the People. Mr Paca has Leisure—it ought not to be attempted to be suppressed.

Captain Nicholson informs, that a Number of Recruits are enlisted for the Enemy in Worcester and Somt Counties, 90 came to the fleet, when he was on board. it is reported the

disaffected in Queen Anns County have rose, & Congress were yesterday acquainted with an Insurrection in Sussex County. the Malignants are assembling in Arms at Jordans Island. You will be applied to by Congress to order 300 of your Militia, with two field Pieces, & 28 Artillerists, to march there. Original

The Randolph Frigate is said to be lost. She engaged a 50 Gun ship for an Hour, and both sides drawing off to repair their Damage, she by accident blew up, and every soul on board perished. The proposed Cartel is broke off, our Commrs had full Powers, & their Act would have bound the public faith, Howes Commrs had not full Powers, & could only engage his private Faith, and that too only during his Command. The Exchange on Parole will continue.

No other Part of my last was to have been private, but Govr Lee's name. I am inclined to think Baltimore fort remains in the same defenceless State as I mentioned to the Assembly a year ago—there is a great Mistake in my Letter about the Quantity of Continental Arms. I meant to say Congress had fifteen thousand Arms, & above two hundred field pieces. I suppose I folded the Letter before it was dry, & that Circumstance added to the naughts I will seise the first favorable Opportunity to apply to Congress for some Mony, but our Demands to pay & buy provisions are very pressing.

My Compliments to the Council

Your Affectionate and
Obedient Servant
Saml Chase

[Gov. Henry to Gov. Johnson.] Original

York Town Ap^l 20th 1798.

Dear Sir.

I have procured the inclosed paper with some difficulty. When you have read it, if the Assembly should be sitting, I wish you would send it to the Speaker. Different opinions prevail here with regard to the Authenticity of it. For my own part I have no doubt, from what I have lately seen in the English papers, but these two Bills before this time, are enacted into Laws. I dread the impressions it will make upon the minds of many of our people. If it should, and I have no doubt of it, make its appearance in the form of a Law, it will prove more dangerous to our cause than ten thousand of their best Troops. It will in a Day or two be under the consideration of Congress.

The Cartell for the General Exchange of prisoners is at an

Original End. Upon our commissioners examining the powers of the Commissioners on the part of Gen[l] Howe, they discovered he meant the treaty to be of a personal nature, founded on the mutual Confidence and Honor of the contracting Generals, and had no Intention of binding the nation, or of extending the Cartel beyond the limits and Duration of his own Command. They declared themselves ready to treat with us on this footing, with their present powers which they deemed adequate to the purposes of their meeting. Upon this point the treaty broke off. I lament the situation of our prisoners, and must approve of the Conduct of our Commissioners. A Cartel upon so narrow a foundation as the personal Honor of Gen[l] Howe would be of little use to us and of short duration; liable at any time to be set aside by a subsequent Commander or by the British King without a breach of honor. This conduct will teach us a lesson respecting Gen[l] Burgoyne and his Army.

I make no doubt you have heard of the insurrection in the Delaware State. By a Letter from a M[r] Patterson we are informed that a considerable number of the disaffected have assembled at a place near the head of Chester River—They are exerting themselves to add to their number and those who will not join them, they deprive of their Arms and Ammunition It is said here they have British officers among them and expect to be reenforced from Philadelphia. This matter is viewed here as very desirous by some. M[r] Carrol gives his Compliments to you and desires me to acquaint you that there is a considerable quantity of provision at Charles Town at the Head of our Bay which appears to be in a dangerous situation. There is also as I am informed by M[r] S. Stewart quantities of provisions at Prince's Ann in Somerset, and other places in that neighbourhood, which it would be fortunate for us if we could remove them without Delay.

When I wrote to you, some weeks ago, I informed you, that I had procured ten thousand Dollars for the recruiting Service which I sent down by Col. S. Smith. I have never heard whether you have rec[d] it. If you should write to any of the Delegates, by the next post, I should be obliged to you to acquaint us with the receipt of the money if it has reached your hands.

I am Sir with great respect
Y[rs] J. Henry Jun[r]

C. B. Tuesday 21st April 1778.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col[o]

George Dashiell eight hundred and sixty one Pounds, eight Shillings & six Pence due him for the Commission on the purchase of Cloathing per Acco[t] allowed by the A General. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Gordon ninty four Pounds seventeen Shillings & eight Pence due him per Account passed by the A G

That the said Treasurer Pay to Wiiliam Houston Purchaser of Provisions in Kent County four thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress on Account to be expended in the Purchase of Provisions

Commission issued to John Gordon appointed Capt. of the Galley Conqueror of the State of Maryland

Leave given to Mary Burnet of the City of Annapolis to pass to Wilmington unmolested

Commissions issued to Edward Parker appointed Col° John Strawbridge Lieut Col° Samuel Evans Capt. William Stewart first Lieut, John Scott second Lieut, Alexander Willson Ens. Samuel Gilpin Cap. Richard Bond Jun[r] first Lieut, John Jones second Lieut John Cockran Ens, Samuel Maffitt Captain David Wallace first Lieut, Samuel McKeown second Lieut, Andrew Read Ensign, Andrew Miller Capt. John Campbell Chambers first Lieut, Jeremiah Taylor second Lieut, William Buchanan Ensign Hezekiah South Capt. Forgus Smith first Lieut, James Cochran second Lieut, John Oglevee Capt. Joseph Tanner first Lieut Elisha Rodges second Lieut, James Boggs Ensign, Jonathan Booth Capt. David Ricketts first Lieut, Jacob Hollingsworth second Lieut, Thomas Savin Capt, Abraham Cazier first Lieut, Thomas Price second Lieut Jacob Lum Ensign James Macky Cap. William Fulton first Lieut, John Hill second Lieut, belonging to the Elk Battalion of Militia in Cecil Co[ty] also to John Dockery Thompson Col° Joshua Clayton Lieut Col° John Cox Capt. John Ward Sen[r] first Lieut, John Ward Jun[r] second Lieut, Benj[a] Wamsley Ensign John Leach Knight Cap. Ephraim Thompson Jun[r] first Lieut Thomas Bird second Lieut, Lambert Elsbury Ens, John Ward Veazey Capt. Archibald Shields first Lieut, Robert Money second Lieut, Benjamin Porter Ensign, Samuel Veazey Capt. Samuel Bayard first Lieut, William Veazey second Lieut, William Taylor Ensign, James Porter Capt. Richard Savin first Lieut Thomas Cooper second Lieut, James Cosden Ensign. John Ford Capt. Sam[l] Clair Lancaster first Lieut Robert Hodgson second Lieut, Hyland Price Ens, Charles Heath Capt, William Nelson first Lieut, Jacob Evertson second Lieut, Elias Noland Ens, Thomas Brevard Capt. Thomas Boulden Jun[r] first Lieut, Thomas Boulden Sen[r] second Lieut Samuel Hutchison Ensign belonging to the Sassafras Battalion of Militia in Cecil County and also to Elihu

C. B. Hall jun^{r} Major, James Maxwell Capt, William Johnson first Lieut, Robert Evans second Lieut James Cummins Ensign Samuel Miller Capt. Samuel Riddle first Lieut. Robert Porter Capt. Robert Williams first Lieut, John Patterson second Lieut, Thomas Johnson Ens. Philip Cole Capt. Francis Boyd first Lieut, Samuel Crockett second Lieut, Thomas Kelly Ens^{n} Jeremiah Baker Capt. George Cather first Lieut, John Kelly second Lieut John McColloch Ensign, James Pritchard Capt. Bazil Williams first Lieut, Samuel Coulter second Lieut, David Corbitt Ens. William Ewing Capt, Robert Love, first Lieut, Andrew Porter second Lieut, James Dougharty Capt, Samuel Clark first Lieut, Abner Kirk second Lieut, Stephen Hyland Capt, William Veazey first Lieut, William Mouldin second Lieut, & Robert Hart Junr Ensign belonging to the Susquehanna Batt of Militia in Cecil County.

C. C.
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[Council to G. Keeports.]

In Council 21st Ap^{l} 1778.

Sir.

Those who may be recruited in this State to serve for 3 years or during the War in Brig^{dr} Genl Count Pulaski's Legion, being placed by the Assembly, on the same Footing with the Recruits of the Maryland Continental Regiments. You are requested, on Application, to furnish them with Cloathing in like Manner as the other Recruits.

We are &^{ca}

Capt Keeports.

[Council to Baltimore Sheriff.]

In Council 21st Ap^{l} 1778

Sir.

The Assembly having by a Resolution of this Day, put the Recruits who may enter in Brigadier General Count Pulaski's Legion, on the same Footing as those raised for the Maryland Continental Regiments. On any of the Officers of that Legion lodging with you a Certificate from the Lieutenant of your County of his having passed a Recruit for that Service, inlisted in your County for three years or during the War, you are to pay the forty Dollars Bounty allowed by this State; the twenty Dollars allowed by Congress the Gen^{t} who are on this recruiting Business will pay themselves, being provided so far by the Congress.

We are &^{ca}

To the Sheriff of
Baltimore County }

[Charles Carroll to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Yorke 21 April 1778

Dear Sir

By a letter from Gen. Smallwood of the 17th instant from Wilmington we are informed of an insurrection of the Forces at a place called Jordans Island 10 miles from Dover—Smallwood apprehends this insurrection may become very serious unless speedily suppressed: his letter is referred to a committee of wh I am one: we shall report that you be requested to call out 300 of the militia from the adjacent counties of Maryd & put them under a spirited & active officer, who will receive his instructions from a committee of Congress—I beg your attention to this business—Smallwood writes that we have considerable stores at Charles Town, wh he fears may be taken or destroyed by these Insurgents: if we have any considerable stores at Charles Town, or at any other place near the bay they run an equal or greater danger of being destroyed by parties from the Enemy's shipping. You can not take too much precaution to secure these or any other stores that may be near the water. Mr Henry has sent you a copy of draughts of two Bills wh as they are of a most insidious tendency, I make no doubt have long since been passed into Acts of Parliat I wish you would employ some ingenious writer to combat & expose the perfidiousness of our Enemies: they stop at nothing. the whole british nation seems rising against us; they will unite art & force to conquer us: I am persuaded they will send over during the course of the summer & fall at least 14000 men, principally british.

Is it not strange that the lust of domination should force the british nation to greater exertions, than the desire of liberty can produce among us?

By the Merany Packet in 7 weeks & 3 days from Falmouth we hear that all hopes of an amicable settlemt between the Turkes and Russians were at an end by a courier wh arrived at Warsaw the middle of Decr there was reason to believe hostilities had then, or were on the point of being commenced. The elector of Bavaria is dead: his death may possibly involve Germany in a War. If our People would but exert them. selves this campaign we might secure our liberties forever-Gen. Washington is weak; reinforcements come in slow: try, for God sake & the sake of human Nature, to rouse our countrymen from their lethargy. Gates will command a body of men in the Highlands on Hudson's river for the security of its navigation. The Congress do worse than ever—We murder time, and chat it away in idle impertinent talk: however I hope the urgency of affairs will teach even that Body a

Original little discretion. I wish you health & happiness and am with great regard

Dr Sir
Y^r most hum: Servt
Ch. Carroll of Carrollton.

Original [S. Chase to Gov. Johnson.]

York town April 21. 78.
Tuesday Night 11 o'Clock

Dear Sir

Congress this Evening reced a Letter from Gen: W. inclos ing a Philad^a Paper, of the 17 ult.—The Draft of the two Bills (ment^d in mine of the Day) are published in it—Dispatches arrived there last Tuesday, in 28 Days—under the London Head of 19 Feb^ry—on the Monday preceding Leave was given to bring in the two Bills Lord Norths speech is in it, on making the proposition.

last late acts for your Satisfaction.

our army is great, our navy is great, our Men in Health, in Spirits & well supplied, but the Resistance of America is greater, & the War has lasted longer, than was at first apprehended, much longer than any friend to this Country could wish, & I do not think it will end in this Campaign, in the present situation of affairs only three propositions can be made—1st to strengthen our force & continue the War upon the present plan. 2. to recal it from America, and 3 to offer Terms of Conciliation to her.—the first is attended with too great an Expence of Men and Money, an Expense which Conquest itself wo^d not balance. The second is to subscribe to the Independ^y of America. the third is that which appears to Me to be the best and the wisest. I wish for an open Conference with America—he then explained his plan as expressed in the Bills.

I will now hold out to the Colonies a Cessation of the Exercise of Taxation, & I will not subject it to any Cond^n or to the Demand of any specific Contribution. I do not see that any other Concession can be made without admitting the complete Ind^y of America but wo^d better Effect of that Independ^y. I cannot see into futurity, but it is big with many possible Evils. Independ^y with a cordial Love between us, is one thing with an Union with our Enemies, fatal. from their Ind^y a Danger arises from a great Naval Power; a Danger also to our other Possessions. I do not think that we should yield to it, till our Resources are much lowered—Ind^y is not beneficial to America, she cannot be so happy, so easy, cannot have such personal Liberty; as if she remains dependent on us.

Moved for the Bills. Original

This Minute recēd the inclosed from our president.

I forgot Ld North it is necessary to hold out some Inducem^t to the Colonies—collectively & separately—Some may not & some may renounce their Independency.

Two Things are in my opinion essentially necessary—a respectable Army—a full Congress—every nerve sho^d be exerted to fill our Ranks. I am of opinion that it would be prudent for every assembly or executive immediately to publish a Pardon to all their subjects who have taken arms &c who shall return to their Country & take the Oath of Allegiance before a limitted Time—think well of this—I beleive it would thin their Ranks, and detach their friends—We know our People, any of them, are desirous of quitting them—if possible keep our Assembly together—if broke up convene them early in June—I wish Mr Stone wo^d come up. I wish Paca wo^d quit his Judges Seat, and that our assembly wo^d appoint him. I did intend Home, but I beleive I shall stay & see it out. The Hour to try the Firmness & prudence of Man is near at Hand. I am really diffident of myself, I shall endeavor to act my Part well. My Soul has been chagrined at certain Conduct, but I love my Country, & shall with pleasure retire after Peace is established.

I am tired—tis 12 °Clock—adieu

Your Friend

Saml Chase

Wednesday 22 April 1778. C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Henry Wilson two thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be delivered over to William Bond son of Joshua Agent for Harford County on Acc^t

That the said Treasurer Pay to Thomas Stone Esqr three thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be delivered over to Danl Jenifer Esq. Purchaser in Charles County on Account.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Doct. Henry Schnebely three thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be delivered over to Richard Davis Purchaser in Washington County Account.

C. C. [Council to R. Davis.]

In Council Annapolis 22d April 1778

Sir

On Complaint from Several Parts of the State, of the Price allowed for Provisions being too low, the Assembly has thought proper to pass a Law containing the inclosed Clause. It is impossible for us to ascertain the Prices, 'til Enquiry can be made into what is given by the Continental Purchasers; but this need occasion no Difficulty in the Execution of your Office, as you will be careful to keep an exact Account of the Provisions you collect and the estimated Weight of the live Cattle. The Addition may be easily made, according to what we may, on Enquiry, find to be just, and the People may be assured that we shall do what we can to place them on, and not beyond an Equality with those of our neighbouring States, who supply the Army with Provisions.

We are &ca

Mr Richard Davis
Washington County

C. B. Thursday 23d April 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Thomas Wilson Twenty three Pounds, thirteen shillings due to him per Acct passed

That the said Treasurer Pay to Robert Reith nine Pounds fourteen shillings and five Pence due him for 1 Mo & 5 Days Attenda as Messenger to the Council at the rate of one hundred Pounds ꝑ Ann.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Richard Murrow one hundred & four Pounds seven shillings & six Pence due him pr Acct passed A G.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Campbell 2 Coatees 2 Waistcoats, 2 pair Breeches 4 pair Stockings 2 pair Shoes & 4 Shirts.

To enable the Governor and Council to fulfil the just Intention of the Legislature to divide the Burthen of Carriage as equally as the nature of that Service will permit It is ordered that the Constables within this State make out & return to the Lieutenant of their Counties respectively as soon as may be a List of all Waggons and Carts within their Hundred to whom they belong and the Number of Horses or other Cattle usually worked therewith and also a List of all Boats and other Bay craft within their Hundred, And if it should happen

that there is any Hundred or District without a Constable then the Lieut of the County is desired to get some diligent honest man to take and return such Lists, And the Lieutenants of the Counties are to return all the said Lists or Copies of them to this Board with all Dispatch C. B.

[Circular to Purveyors.] C. C. p. 144

Circular In Council Annapolis 23d Apl 1778.

Sir

We inclose you a Copy of the Clause of an Act of Assembly passed late in the Session, occasioned by Complaints of the limited Prices of Provisions being too low. As soon as we get Information of what is given by the Continental Purchasers, we shall settle the Prices to be given by our Purchasers, and, that justice may be the more certainly done, we request you will be very accurate and particular in your Accounts and Receipts of the Kind and Quantity received from each Person and the estimated Weight of the live Cattle. We hope, that as every Thing is and will be done to put our People on the same Footing, as near as possible with others, they will chearfully part from what they may have to spare, and that they will be attentive to Genl Washington's Requests; to get a number of Cattle ready for the subsistance of the Army as soon as possible. The provisions may be delivered and the Difference of Price setled for as soon as we can fix it.

We are &ca

To the Purchasers of Provisions
except to Washington & vid. Lre to
him of Yesterday

[Circular to County Lieutenants.]

Circular. In Council Annapolis 23d Apl 1778

Sir

We are sorry for the Necessity we are under of giving you and the Constables the Trouble of executing the inclosed Request, but there is now Occasion and, in the Course of this Summer, there will be Occasion for a great Deal of Carriage of Provisions, Stores and Baggage for the Army. Well disposed People will chearfully submit to the Inconvenience, when they see that the Service is necessary, and that we execute the Intention of the Legislature in dividing the Burthen as equally as possible, which we cannot do without having a general View

c. c. of the Carriages. We hope for your returning us the Lists requested as soon as possible.

We are &ca

To the Lieuts of the several Counties.

[Council to G. Keeports.]

In Council Annapolis 23r Apl 1778.

Sir

We are told that two Coppers were put on Shore from the Conqueror Galley, in the Care of one Mr Patton of Baltimore who is since dead, and that his Executors are about selling them. We shall be obliged to you to stop the Sale and receive them into your Store. If the Execrs are in any Doubt about the Propriety, we suppose Capt David or some of the Officers can easily give them Satisfaction

Capt Keeports. We are &ca

p. 145 [Council to Delegates n iCongress.]

In Council Annapolis 23d Apl 1778.

Gent

We inclose you a Copy of Part of our Supply Bill and request you to apply to Congress, for the one hundred Thousand Dollars mentioned in it. The Bill empowers us, if Money cannot be otherwise obtained, to emit and issue 300,000 Dollars, which we shall be obliged to do, tho' very reluctantly, if Congress does not supply us. The Assembly have said that many of the Demands on the Treasury are on the Continental Account; they might have said that the Demands were principally on that Account. If you should get the Money, the sooner you can send it down, the better. We hear that a Brig, in which Mr Morris is chiefly interested, with a very large Cargoe of coarse Linens, has arrived at the Inlets and run on the Bar, but that the Cargoe is nearly, if not all, saved. We shall want a good Deal of Linen and wish you to engage a Preference for this State in at least 100 ps of Oznabrigs for Coatees and Overalls for our Troops, or to the Amount of that Quantity in other coarse Linens, suitable for those Purposes: besides which, if there's any Linen proper for Shirting, we should be glad of a Quantity of it 10, 15 or 20000 yards. If Mr Morris is not at Congress, do send an express to him, it is a Capital object with us and, if we succeed, our Men will be very well off.

Deputies in Congress. We are &ca

[Charles Carroll to Gov. Johnson.] Original

23d April 1778

Dear Sir

By this opportunity you will receive Draughts of two bills and Ld North's speech ushering them into the house of Commons: I have little doubt myself but that these Bills have long since been cloathed with all the formalities of law. If Lord North's speech is genuine, (and I think we have no reason to suspect it to be otherwise) we may fairly conclude that the Administration begin to see the impracticability of reducing these States, or of retaining them, when reduced, in such a state of subordination as to be useful to G. B The heavy & encreasing expence of the war, a Jealousy of France & Spain, perhaps the appearances of an approaching rupture in Germany about to be occasioned by the death of the Elector of Bavaria, the actual commencement of hostilities between Russia & the Porte have forced the british Ministry on this measure: However I am satisfied they will try the arts of negotiation first, in order to divide us, if possible, and will hazard another campaign before they acknowlege the Independence of these States: to withstand their hostile efforts this campaign. wh I am convinced will be vigerous and to counteract their insidious profers of reconciliation, it will be absolutely necessary to have a very respectable force in the field this year; and if a right & dexterous use is made of the minister's speech, it will probably much promote the recruiting service among us. In a word, if we guard agt their insidious offers on the one hand, and can resist their warlike efforts on the other, during the ensuing campaign, I have not the least doubt but that they will acknowledge our Independency next winter, or Spring, particularly if no alliance between these States or any other European power be concluded on in the interim

The Raleigh continental Frigate is arrived at Porsmouth in 32 days from France; the Alfred wh sailed with her is taken: we have not yet recd by this opportunity any dispatches from our Commissioners at Paris, tho' I do not yet despair of receiving them, as the Express may be on the road.

The Congress has passed some observations on the two draughted Bills, to counteract their obvious design, or at least the possible bad effects they might produce in the minds of the People, if published without such strictures. These observations will be printed to day; they will be immediately distributed throughout the United States: I fear they are not so perfect as they ought to be, but the hurry of business & the want of time must & will, no doubt sufficiently apologize

Original with an impartial Public for all these imperfections. I am with real regard

Dear Sir
y[r] most hum Serv[t]
Ch. Carroll of Carrollton

C. B. Friday 24th April 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Samuel Hepburn Twenty one Pounds, ten shillings per Account passed by the A Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Charles Lansdale nine hundred & twenty seven Pounds, fourteen shillings & three Pence out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be delivered over to Tho[s] Claggett Purchaser in Prince Georges County on Account

Whereas Capt. Brisson and Capt. Adilon the Commanders of two French armed Vessels now lying at Baltimore have represented to this Board that some of the French Sailors shipped in Hispaniola in the said Vessels for Voyage to be performed to Hispaniola again have been enlisted into the Continental Service and that People are endeavouring to prevail on others of the said Sailors to leave the said Vessels and enter into the American Army as Substitutes This Board are of Opinion that any Sailors Subjects of the King of France or of any other Foreign Power who belong to Vessels in our Ports and were engaged a board to finish the voyage to any foreign Port again ought not to be enlisted or taken from their Vessels without the Captains Consent, and therefore require that none such be enlisted or taken from their Vessels against the will of their Captains and to afford the effectual Encouragement promised to Strangers as an Inducement to their coming and trading with us the Commanding Officer of any State Galley is hereby directed on the Request of the said Capt. Brisson and Capt. Adilon to receive on board his Galley any of the Crew of the said Capt. Brisson or Capt. Adilon, who are French Subjects shipped in the Dominions of France that the said Captains shall respectively require and them securely keep on board such Galley in order that they may be again returned to the Vessel to which they belong and Compelled to perform the Voyage according to their Contract

Ordered That the western Shore Treasurer Pay to Francis Burgess seventy two Pounds due him per Acc[t] passed by the Committee of Claims

That the said Treasurer Pay to Daniel Carroll Esq[r] one

hundred & one Pounds, ten shillings for 58 Days Attendance in Council C. B.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Tobias Zimmerman Eleven Pounds one shilling & three Pence due him per Account passed by the A General.

That the Sheriff of Prince Georges County pay to Captain Hor^a Clagett seven hundred Dollars for the recruiting Service on Acc^t 3^d Regiment

[Council to Matthews.] C. C. p. 145

In Council 24th Ap^l 1778.

Sir

If you have engaged any of Capt Brison or Capt Adilon's French Sailors shipped in their Ports, we desire you will deliver them up again, for it appears to us from their Papers that their Men are bound to perform the Voyage, and it ill suits with the Promises of Friendship, Protection and Assistance held out to Strangers to come amongst us, to strip them of their Hands and defeat their Voyage.

We are &^ca

To Capt Matthews or
Capt Coursey

[Council to A. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 24th Ap^l 1778.

Sir

Capt Brison and Adilon of two French armed Vessels, have complained to us, that their Hands, French Subjects, shipped in Hispaniola and to return there again, are induced to enter into the Service as Recruits and Substitutes. We are sorry that after the Promises of good Usage held out to Strangers, to come amongst us, our People should treat them so. Capt Brison has shewed us his Commission and Articles, from whence we collect the Men are to perform the Voyage and has thence most clearly, a Power to compel them. We hope for the sake of Justice and the Public Faith and Honor, that the Officers & People will desist from stripping those Vessels of their Hands and that if they do not, that you will not pass them, for they are not Freemen to enter into a new Engagement directly repugnant to that which already subsists.

Andrew Buchanan Esq. We are, &^c.

Original [J. Henry to Gov. Johnson.]

York Town Ap[l] 24th 1778

Sir

I am desired by the Delegates to acquaint your Excellency that we have this Day procured from Congress thirty thousand Dollars for the recruiting Service. Col. Williams applied to us for money for that purpose, and we have thought it proper to allow him out of that sum eight thousand Dollars; the remaining twenty two Thousand will go from this place by M[r] Hamilton an Express put up by Col S. Smith. I have desired him as soon as the express reaches him, to send him forward to you.

As to Arms and Blankets, I can promise you nothing certain at this time. A few have lately arrived in the Eastern States The Board of War have promised me our Troops shall have their proportion of them. Every step is taken to procure Arms, and I hope as the troops come forward the Board of War will be able to supply them. The Arms of the State I would keep. not one of them should, if I could prevent it, come out of the State, but upon the most urgent necessity. I have just left the Board of War, and they are desirous and willing, that you should have the goods now at Cambridge made up in Baltimore. And if you will be kind enough to write particularly what you want, they will immediately authorise you to take such Articles and to distribute them among Maryland Troops

You will receive by an Express which left this place to Day Lord North Speech, the two Bills which occasioned it and the strictures of Congress upon them. They were drawn up in haste, but I trust they will be sufficient to shew the wickedness of the Ministry.

I am Sir with great respect
Y[rs] J. Henry Jun[r]

C. B. Saturday 25 April 1778.

Present as yesterday Except His Excell[y] & Dan[l] Carroll Esq.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Benit Maybury two hundred and thirty four Pounds sixteen shillings & eleven Pence due him per Acc[t] passed by the A Gen[l]

Monday 27th April 1778.

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac

McHard fifty four Pounds, one shilling & ten Pence and the further sum of four Pounds ten shillings for the use Charles Downes per Accounts passed by the A Gen[l] C. B.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Winder & Capt. Peale of the first Regiment 12 yds white Casmire & Sheeting for a pair of over alls each

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to James Boyle of the Baltimore Galley as much Casmire as will make a pair of Breeches and Waistcoat.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Bryan of the Dolphin Linen for 2 Shirts and Casmire for a p[r] Breeches & Waistcoat &c

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to General Hooper 6 yds white Casmire for Capt. Eccleston of the 2[d] Regiment

Col[o] Gist will please to furnish Capt. Peale & Capt Winder with as much blue Cloth as will make each of them a Coat out of the Cloth lately purchased of M[r] Lux

[Carroll to ?] Original

Monday 27 April 1778.

Dear Sir.

We have y[r] letter & have written this day to M[r] Morris for the articles therein mentioned; Our letter is gone by an Express, w[h] the President had occasion to send in order to return the original of y[r] inclosed copy of a letter, from Gov[r] Johnstone to M[r] Morris. Your application to Congress for 100000 Dollars shall be laid before Congress tomorrow. We will write you the result by the first opportunity. Gen. Amherst, General Murray, & Admiral Keppel are the Commissioners coming out under the Act of Parlia[t] for offering terms of peace & reconciliation. General Howe is recalled, & Sir Henry Clinton is to succeed him, but I apprehend only till General Amherst's arrival, I think as he is one of the Commissioners, he will have the supreme command of the Army. I think we may fairly conclude from Gov[r] Johnstone's letter & from the articles in the Newspapers, w[h] you have seen, that some treaty, or the Preliminaries of a treaty have been entered into between France & our Commissioners. We have had no letters from them since last May, Several no doubt have been intercepted. The Administration getting wind of this treaty have been induced thereby to offer terms to this Country: but no terms, short of Independence, are in

Original my opinion admissible without the utmost danger & disadvantage to these States.

I am with great esteem Dr Sr
Yours &c.
Ch. Carroll of Carrollton

N B do not print Governr Johnstone's letter, as it is a private letter.

General Lee is exchanged For General

C. B. Tuesday 28 April 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Mr. Richardson five thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be delivered over to Col. Joseph Dashiell Purchaser in Worcester County.

That Mr. Crysall deliver to Capt Deshon 6 Barrels Bread 1 Barrel flour, 2 Barrels Beef & 3 Barrels Pork for the Schooner Molly.

C. C. p. 146 [Council to J. Dashiell.]

In Council Annapolis 28th Apl 1778

Sir.

You will receive by Mr John Richardson five thousand Dollars for the Purchase of Provisions, it being as much as we can, at present send, and hope you will get your Provisions collected as fast as possible and sent forward. We expect in a few Days to have a Galley stationed in the sound for the Protection of our Vessels. When we have a Council, shall write you fully on every Subject contained in your Letter.

We are &ca

Colo Jos. Dashiell
Worcester County

C. B. Wednesday 29 April 1778

Present as on Yesterday except James Brice Esqr

Ordered that Mr Crysall deliver to Richard Murrow Sundry Cordage for the Boat Plater per List sent

C. C. [Council to R. Stephens.]

In Council 29th Apl 1778.

Sir.

Capt Matthews is sent for the Goods that are lodged with you, by Colo Jos. Dashiell, for the Use of this State and you

are requested to give him Dispatch. There are other Goods, C. C.
we presume, lodged with you, belonging to the Continent: if the Galley can take them in, we desire they may also be sent, or so many as the Captain can take on Board. If there should be any Provisions purchased by the Agent, send them also.

We are &ca

Robertson Stephens Esqr
Shff. Dorchester County

[Council to Capt. Coursey.]

In Council Annapolis Apl 29th 1778

Sir.

We expected, agreeable to our former Orders that you would have been down here before this Time. We now desire that you will immediately proceed down with your Galley, no Excuse will be admitted We are &ca

Capt Coursey

[Clerk of Council to S. Nichols.]

In Council Annapolis 29th Apl 1778

Sir.

In Consequence of what you wrote me some Time ago, I informed the Council that you had engaged 50 Hhds of Tobacco and we depended upon you for that Quantity. The Price of Tobacco has taken a greater Rise than was expected, and we shall make you a further Allowance. The Council wants 10 Hhds more to compleat a Load for a Vessel they are sending to Sea and will be obliged to you to furnish the Quantity, so as to make, in the Whole 60 Hhds The Tobacco we doubt not but you will get upon the best Terms, and the Money shall be paid to your Order. The Tobacco you will be pleased to deliver to Captn Walker, whose Galley we have ordered to p. 147
take it in, and, we trust, Dispatch will be given her. Can you furnish about 40 Hhds more at the Price now going? Send over the Weights of the Tobacco, that I may be enabled to settle with the State I am &ca E. L.

To Mr Saml Nichols
Wye River

Friday 1 May 1778 C. B.

Present as on Wednesday Tho Sim Lee Esqr Attended

Ordered that Mr Crysall deliver to Captain Massey of the Defence Tender Thirty pounds Tallow & some Terpentine

C. B. Ordered That John Smith Brooks purchaser of Provisions under the Continental Commissary receive of Thomas Duckett the twenty bushels Salt sent to Queen Anne in February last, to be charged to the Continent if not when delivered

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Alexander Murray Master of the Brig Saratoga mounting 12 Carriage Guns and 8 Swivels navigated by 20 Men belonging to Samuel & Robert Purviance and others of Baltimore and Dated 20th October 1777 also to David Porter master of the Sloop Delight mounting 6 Carriage Guns & 6 Carbins navigated by 8 Men belonging to Hugh Young and others of Baltimore

Outerbridge Horsey, James Leach & William Landon having been brought before this Board and they being charged by Daniel Bryan, John Fanning Levin Langrell, Hampton Round William Bishop and David Sprung with inimical Conduct to this State; And it Appearing to this Board that their going at Large may be dangerous, It is Ordered that Capt. Campbell take the said Horsey Leach & Landon into his Custody in order that due inquiry may be made therein

Commissions issued to Truman Skinner appd Lieut. Col. John Perry Capt Benjamin Wales first Lieut. James Burnes second Lieut Moses Orme Ensign Alexr Howard Magruder Capt. Benjamin Contee first Lieut, Geo. Gantt Junr second Lieut, Thomas Baden Ens. Robert Bowie Capt. Robert Baden first Lieut, Thomas Hoge second Lieut, Alextious Boone Ens. Jesse Hellen Capt. Leonard Waring first Lieut, William Morton second Lieut, Walter Truman Greenfield Ensign, Henry Hill Capt, John Nailer first Lieut, Nicholas Miles Ensign. Hezekiah Wheeler Capt, James Hawkins first Lieut, Henry Eavens second Lieut John Dyer Ensign. Thomas Dent Capt John Simpson first Lieut, Thomas Dyer second Lieut, Francis Dyer Ensign, Richard Stonestreet Capt, Giles Dyer first Lieut George Dyer second Lieut. John Stonestreet Ensn Belonging to the Lower Battalion of Militia in Prince Georges County John Weight Capt Edward Vellis Harbin first Lieut David Burnes second Lieut, Joseph Queen Ensign, Joseph Carlton Capt. Josiah Shaw first Lieut, William Moore second Lt Thomas Boyde Ensign Joshua Wilson Selby Capt. William Wilson Selby first Lieut, William Wilson second Lieut, William Jackson Ens, Thomas Richardson Capt, Thomas Beall first Lieut Isaac Walker second Lieut, March Mareen Duvall Capt, Walter Bowie first Lieut, Jacob Duvall of John second Lieut, Thomas Lyles Ens. Richard Beall Capt. James Beck first Lieut, Isaac Sansbury second Lieut, James Edmonson Ens. Henderson Magruder Capt, Singleton Woolton first Lieut Benjamin Harwood second Lieut, Basil Belt Ens. James Mullican Capt.

Thomas Duckett first Lieut, Baruck Duckett second Lieut, Richard Duckett Ens. Abraham Boyde Lieut Col. Thomas Owens Williams Major of the Upper Battalion of Militia in Prince Georges County and also to John Addison Lieut Col° John Hawkins Lowe Major John Smith Brooks Capt, Samuel Hepburn first Lieut, John Clark Sprigg second Lieut. Richard Burgess Junr Ens. Humphry Belt Capt, Joshua Clark first Lieut Joseph White Claggett second Lieut, William Nicholls Ens. John Burgess Captain William Bowie 3^d first Lieut, Charles Clagett second Lieut, Richard Contee Ens. William Berry Capt, George Beall 3^d first Lieut, Clement Hill 3^d second Lieut. Benjamin Berry Ens. John Beans first Lieut, Theodore Middleton second Lieut Oliver Burch Ensign of Capt. Saml H. Beans Comp^y John Casey Capt. Dennis Magruder first Lieut, Henry Rozer second Lieut, Richard Claxon Ens. Thomas Wilcoxen first Lieut, Ignatius Wheeler second Lieut, John Tinnerly Ens of Cap Lowe's Comp^y Clement Wheeler Capt, Zachariah Berry first Lieut Mordecai Burgess second Lieut belonging to the Middle Battalion of Militia in Prince Georges County C. B.

[Circular to County Lieutenants.] C. C. p. 147

In Council 1st May 1778.

Sir (Circular)

You are earnestly requested to deliver over to some Recruiting Officer in the Continental Service all the Recruits and Substitutes already furnished and which may be furnished by———County, in Order to have them marched without Delay to Wilmington or such other Post as the Commander in Chief may think proper, first, equipping them with what Necessaries they may require from the Stock the Purchaser of Clothing in your County may have on Hand, the Officer giving his receipt for the same, the Residue may be had, Recruits & Substitutes from St Marys, Charles, Prince George's and Ann Arundel Counties to receive Deficiency of Cloathing at Annapolis, Baltimore and Montgomery, at Baltimore Town, Somerset, Worcester; Dorchester, Caroline, Talbot, Queen Ann's and Kent, at Chester Town, Harford, Cecil, Frederick & Washington at Camp. We are &^ca

To the Lieutenants of the several Counties

Saturday 2^d May 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut.

C. B. Col° Sam[l] Smith five thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the recruiting Service to be charged to the 4th Regiment on Account and also the further Sum of four thousand Dollars out of the money above mentioned to be delivered over to Col° Mordecai Gist to be charged to the 3[d] Maryland Regiment.

Capt. Campbell, You are authorized to discharge James Leach and William Landon committed to your Charge for inimical Conduct to this State.

Ordered That the Commissionary of Stores deliver to Capt Williams one Suit of Cloaths to be charged to the second Regiment.

Capt Campbell you are to discharge Outerbridge Horsey committed to your Custody for inimical Conduct to this State he having given Bond with approved Security for his Appearance at the next General Court, to be held for the Eastern shore and to be in the mean Time of good Behaviour

Copy [Chase to Gov. Johnson.]

Yorktown Sunday morning
May 3[d] 1778

My Dear Sir

On Yesterday afternoon arrived here from France, M[r] Simeca Dean (Brother to the Commissioner,) with Dispatches to Congress from our Commissioners to the 28. February

On the 6th of February two Treaties were concluded and signed by Mons[r] Joveard Plenepotentiary appointed by his most Christian Majesty on the 30th January preceding for that purpose, and by our Commissioners, B Franklin, S Deane, & A Lee Esq[r] the first is a Treaty of Amity & Commerce on the plan proposed by Congress and almost in the words of it. The second is a Treaty of Alliance of Amity and Commerce. I cannot better inform you of the substance of these Treaties than in the words of the Commissioners. "If England declares War against France, or occasions a War by attempts to hinder her Commerce, we shall then make a common Cause of it & join our Forces and our Councils," the grand aim of the Treaty is declared to be "establish the Liberty, Sovereignty and Independency, absolute and unlimited of the United States, as well in matters of Government as Commerce" and this is guaranteed to us by France together with all the Countries we possess or shall possess, at the conclusion of the War; in return for which the States Guarantee to France all its possessions in America. We have found the greatest cordiality in this Court, and that no advantage has been taken

of our present difficulties to obtain hard terms from us, but such has been the Kings Magnanimity & Goodness, that he has proposed none which we might not readily have agreed to in a state of full prosperity and establish'd power. The Principal laid down as the basis of the Treaty being as declared in the preamble "the most perfect Equality Reciprocity the privileges in Trade &c. are mutual & none are given to France but what we are at liberty to grant to any other Nation" By the second Treaty France has renounced forever possession to any part of the Continent lately or now in the possession of Great Britain, or acceded to her by the Treaty of Paris & to the Island of Bermuda. Copy

The account of General Burgoines defeat was received in paris the beginning of Decem[r] our Commissioners immediately pressed for the Conclusion of the Treaty, and a Council was called the 12th in which it was decided to acknowledge and support our Independency.

Our Commissioners are of opinion "That the Treaty with France will certainly be followed by the whole house of Bourbon, and probably by Holland The preparations for War Continue daily, & France is determined to protect her Commerce with you" The King of Prussia is well disposed towards you & on application prevented the Hesse & Hanau Troops from passing thro' his Dominions & now waits the Measures of France.

Very considerable supplies sailed from France in February under Convoy, and may be hourly expected. M[r] Carmichael is on board.

I do most cordially and sincerely congratulate you on this most important Intelligence America has now taken her rank among the Nations & has it in her power to secure her Liberty & Independence. let us be grateful to our God for this singular unmerited mark of his favour & protection and continue to exert every means in our power to support the war, this can only be effectually done by speedy and liberal Loans of money to the Continent and a respectable Army. Congress some time past recommended that subscriptions should be opened in each County.

I am &c.
Sam[l] Chase

Monday 4th May 1778 C. B.

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Doct. John Johnson Casmire for a pair of Breeches & Waistcoat with Trimings suitable

C. B. That the said Commissary of Stores pack up & send to George Keeport 70 Blankets, 100 Shirts 300 p^{r} Stockings & 300 Pair Shoes

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Williams 3 suits of Cloaths to be charged to the second Regiment.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Samuel Hanson of the first Regiment Cloth sufficient for a Waistcoat & Breeches with Trimings

That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt. Daniel Bryan Eighty two Pounds, three Shillings and three Pence due him per Acc^{t} passed by the A Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Col^{o} John H Stone three hundred & sixty Dollars the bounty of 6 Recruits out of the money remitted by Congress for the recruiting Service to be charged to the first Regiment

That the said Treasurer Pay to Richard Beard nine Pounds fifteen Shillings due him per Account passed by the A General

Whereas on the ninth Day of April last Charles Beatty was appointed a Deputy Quarter Master General who was requested to provide one hundred Waggons & good strong Teams to be dispatched to Edenton Town in North Carolina for Military & other Stores for the use of the Continental Army and it is represented by the said Charles Beatty that he hath procured many of the said Waggons & Teams on Contract but that a great Part of the said one hundred Waggons cannot be so obtained and hath therefore requested that Orders may issue from this Board for impressing the deficient Number

Wherefore this Board impressed with the Importance of the said Service do hereby order that in Case the said Number of one hundred Waggons and Teams, shall not be made up by Contract by the Time of his Receipt hereof that then on his Application to any Justice or Justices of the Peace in Frederick County press Warrants issue for the impressing the number which may be so wanted for the Service aforesaid and that the same be impressed and Collected in such Manner that the Burthen of the said one hundred Waggons be divided as nearly equal as conveniently may be on the different parts of the said County and further that all the said Waggons and Teams be appraised before they set out on the said Journey and that a List of them with their Values be returned to this Board

[Council to G. Keeports.]

C. C.
p.147 Sir In Council Annapolis May 4th 1778.

Inclosed is an Invoice of Sundry Cloathing, sent by the

Dolphin to your Care, to be delivered to the Recruits in Baltimore; you have also your Queries inclosed, with Answers to the whole of them, which we expect you will attend to. You are not to deliver Arms out of your Magazine to any Person whatever, without particular Orders from this Board. C. C.

We are Sir &ca

Capt George Keeports.

[Washington to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Head Quarters Valley Forge 4th May 1778.

Sir

Congress having by a Resolve of the 26th of February last annexed the German Battalion to the State of Maryland, and no means having been yet taken to compleat it: I have thought proper to dispatch Capt Hubley to receive information from you, in what manner the Officers shall proceed to recruit. Upon his return, I will send off a proper number of Officers, either to receive directions from you, or to proceed immediately to such parts of the State as you shall appoint. In the latter case you will be pleased to furnish me with the necessary instructions, and inform me to whom the Officers are to apply for money to pay the State Bounty &ca

I have the honor to be
with great Respect
Sir
Your most obt Servt
Go Washington

Govr Johnson.

Tuesday 5th May 1778. C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt Daniel Bryan 6 Barrels Beef and 6 ditto of Pork for the Baltimore Matrosses to be sent to Lieut William Judah.

That the Commissary of Stores at Baltimore deliver to Colo Gist 94 Shirts & 50 Blankets for the recruits enlisted for the 3d Regimt

William Hanson McPherson appeared before this Board & qualified as Assistant Clerk to the Auditor General by taking the several Oaths required.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt Baittiry of General Pulaskis Legion four hundred Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the recruiting Service on Account.

C. B. That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. James Peale five hundred Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the recruiting Service to be charged to the first Maryland Regiment, per Col° Stones Order.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Col° Mord. Gist two thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the recruiting Service on Account to be charged to the 3d Regiment.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. James Peale five Pounds ten shillings for the use of Daniel Simons per Acct passed by the A Genl

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Col° Gist One hundred & twenty six Pounds to be delivered over to Richard Coughlan for twenty one recruits enlisted by him for the third Regiment per Acct passed by the A Genl

Wednesday 6 May 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Lieut Charles Bevan four hundred & eighty Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Recruiting Service on Accot to be charged to the 6 Regiment ꝑ G. Smallds Order

That the said Treasurer Pay to Frederick Green five hundred and twenty nine Pounds thirteen Shillings & nine Pence due him per Acct passed A. G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Isaac Harris one hundred & fifty five Pounds due to him per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That Capt Campbell deliver to Capt. Murrow 25℔ Powder to be sent to Richard Bond Head of Elk

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Vachel Burgess of the 1st Regiment, Cloth sufficient for a Coat & Waistcoat

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to James Stewart of the Galley Conqueror Cloth for a Coat Waistcoat & Pair of Breeches with Trimings & Linnen for two Shirts.

Elie Vallette appointed Principal Clerk to the Auditor General qualified before the Council by taking the Several Oaths required

C. C. [Council to R. Bond.]

p. 147 Sir In Council May 6th 1778

One of our Boats goes up with Soldiers, by her you may send down what Gun Barrels you have ready. We have sent you 25℔ Powder. Your Acct is with the Auditor Genl when passed, you may have an Order for you Money. It is the

Opinion of the Council that your Servants actually employed in the Service of this State, be exempt from Military Duty. We have wrote to Mr Rumsey by this Opportunity on the Subject. C. C.

We are &ca

Mr. Richard Bond

[Council to C. Rumsey.] p. 148

In Council Annapolis 6th May 1778.

Sir

This Board are of Opinion that all Persons actually employed in manufacturing Small Arms under Richard Bond of Cecil County should be exempt from actual Service during the Subsistence of the said Richard Bond's Contract with the State.

We are &ca

Charles Rumsey Esqr

Thursday 7 May 1778. C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to William Logan forty two Pounds thirteen shillings & nine Pence due him per Acct passed A G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Bolton two thousand one hundred & eighty nine Pounds, five Shillings & four Pence due him and also the further Sum of nine hundred and ninty four Pounds six Shillings to be delivered over to Robert Anderson due him for the Sails of the Snow Champion as per Resolve of the General Assembly.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Thomas Doyle thirty one Pounds sixteen Shillings & eight Pence due to the Estate of James Maw for Damages & House Rent per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Major Daniel J Adams two thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the recruiting Service to be charged to the 7th Maryland Regiment

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Hughs of the 2 Regt a Suit of Cloaths.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. James Peale four and a half yds. Linen & one pair of Shoes.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to George Piercy of the Conqueror Galley as much white flannel as will make a Waist & Breeches

C. B. Friday 8 May 1778

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Hindman Esq. One hundred & fifteen Pounds, seventeen shillings and two Pence due to him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Allen Quynn two hundred and twenty Pounds eighteen shillings & nine Pence due to him per Acc[t] passed by the A G and the further Sum of five Pounds for a Gun sold the State

That the said Treasurer pay to William Judah seven hundred and five Pounds ninteen shillings & four Pence ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the A G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Matthias Travers one hundred and one pounds and six Pence for the use of his Company as ꝑ Account passed by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Ridgeway Twenty six Pounds, thirteen shillings and four Pence due to him per Acco[t] passed by the A G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Matthias Travers six Pounds six Shillings for the use of Levin Parker as ꝑ Acco[t] passed by the A G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Matthias Travers ninteen Pounds sixteen shillings for the use of Col. William Travers ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the A Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Lieut William Judah one hundred & ninty eight Pounds, fifteen Shillings for the use of Major Nath[l] Smith per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to James Ridgeway Twenty Pounds due to him per Account passed by the Aud. General

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Barry five hundred & eleven Pounds thirteen shillings & nine Pence for the use of Geo Wells per Acc[t] passed by the A G

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. John Eccleston seventy seven Pounds eleven shillings & nine Pence per Account passed by the A General

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Chambers fourteen Pounds fifteen Shillings & eight Pence for the use of Thomas Smith & others Guard over British Prisoners at Cambridge as ꝑ Account passed by the A General

That the said Treasurer Pay to Edward Fox four hundred and twenty three Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence due to him for Whiskey sold the State per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. John Courts Jones of

the 7th Maryld Regiment, five hundred Dollars out of the Money remitted by Congress for the Recruiting Service to be charged to that Regiment on Acct C. B.

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Hindman Esqr one hundred & ninty two Pounds ten Shillings for his Attendance in Council 110 Days a 35/

That the said Treasurer Pay to Thomas Kirby two Pounds five Shillings for the use of John Annis per Account passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Lieut Samuel McPherson six hundred Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the recruiting Service to be charged to the first Regiment on Acct

That the said Treasurer Pay to Colo John Stewart eighty three Pounds six shillings for the use of Henry Jackson & Co as p Accot passed A G

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Shaw three hundred and forty five Pounds three shillings & nine Pence as p Acct passed by the A Genl

A Duplicate of an Order to Zeph. Turner for the use of Hezekiah Gardner for five Pounds of the 8th April is this day given the Original being lost or mislaid

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt John Eccleston 1 Coat, 1 Jacket, 3 pr Breeches, 3 pr Shoes 3 pr Stockings 4 Shirts 1 Hatt & 3 Blankets to be charged to the 5th Regiment

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores furnish to all the Recruits and Substitutes which may be enlisted for the 2d Regiment with a Suit of Cloths so fast as they are enlisted

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to John Chalmers 7 yards Linen for Capt Eccleston. Drilling for 1 pr Breeches Serge Denim for one pr do and 5 yds Stript Linen for Lieut Woolford both of the 2d Regiment

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. John Courts Jones of the 7th Regiment Cloth for a Coat Waistcoat & a pr of Breeches one pair Shoes Linen for two Shirts with Trimmings for the above

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Samuel McPherson of the first Regiment one Pair Shoes

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Joseph Dority Master of the Schooner Boat called the larke mounting four Carriage Guns & two Blunderbusses navigated by six Men belonging to Samuel & Robert Purviance & others of Baltimore dated 19 October 1777

C. B. Saturday 9 May 1778

Present as on yesterday

Commissions issued to William Wilkinson appointed Capt. William Moran first Lieut, Edward Anderson second Lieut, Benjamin Ogdon Ens. belonging to the twelfth Battalion of Militia in Charles County also to George Dent of John Capt. John Grant first Lieut, Walter Pye second Lieut, Horatio Middleton Ens. George Dent Junr Capt. Francis Adams first Lieut Roger Fowke second Lieut, John Ashford Ens. Samuel Smallwood Captain Isaac S. Middleton first Lieut, Francis Acton second Lieut. Benj. Berry Ens. Burdit Hamelton first Lieut, John Bush second Lieut, Robert Doyne Semmes Ensign of Capt. William Winters Company belonging to the Twenty sixth Battalion of Militia in Charles County

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Col^{o} John Stewart nine hundred & sixty eight Pounds one shilling and three Pence due Gale Jackson & Stewart for Medicine per Acc^{t} passed by the A G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Col. John Stewart, one hundred & fifty six Pounds two shillings & six Pence for the use of Henry Jackson & Co p^{r} Acc^{t} passed by the A G.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Charles Wallace Esqr Paymaster, five hundred & ten Pounds six, shillings & five Pence and also the further sum of forty Pounds for Store House rent per Acc^{t} passed by the A Genl

C. C. p. 148 [Clerk of Council to Washington.]

Annapolis May 9th 1778.

Sir.

Your Excellency's Letter was delivered to me in the Absence of the Governor and Council. In Answer to which, I am to observe, that no particular Provision has been made by our Assembly for recruiting the German Battalion, further than a general Licence to raise Men in the different Parts of this State. The Inconveniencies that had been experienced by inlisting the Inhabitants to serve in the Regiments of other States induced the Legislature, some Time since to prohibit the Practice under a heavy Penalty. The Resolve of Congress has occasioned a partial Repeal of this Prohibition, and accordingly the following Clause was inserted the last Session of Assembly in the Act to procure Troops for the American Army, by Virtue of which, Levies for this Battalion are now excepted. And be it enacted that it shall and may be lawful for the Officers or recruiting Sergeants of the German Battalion

to recruit what Men may be wanting to fill up the same, within the Limits of this State, without any special Licence from the Governor & Council for so doing, any Law to the contrary notwithstanding. I have only to add that it is not in my Power to communicate any particular Instructions for assisting the Officers in this Service farther than to recommend their Attendance in the back Counties, where the greatest Numbers of Germans reside. C. C.

I have the Honor to be
&ca

General Washington. T. S. L.

Monday 11 May 1778. C. B.

Present as on Saturday except James Hindman Esqr James Brice Esqr Attended

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer
Pay to Jonathan Parker Twenty Pounds to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Little Seventeen Pounds ten shillings per Account passed by the Aud General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Brittingham Dickinson Fifty three Pounds ten shillings for the use of John Steel per Acct passed by the A G

Commissions issued to Levin Spedding appointed Capt. Edward Stevens first Lieut, John Brown second Lieut, William Berry Ens. Richard Bruff Cap. William Milward first Lieut, William McCallum second Lieut, Thomas Tibble Ensign belonging to the fourth Battalion of Militia in Talbot County

Extract of a Letter from Genl Washington dated Head Quarters May 7th 1779

"My intelligence from the Enemy is, that 4000 Troops chiefly British are embarked for the West Indias, or Georgea, though the latter is the most suspected. Generals Vaughan & Leslie are supposed to take the Command, they were to embark this day and the Fleet to Sail on their Voyage immediately"

I also transmit an extract of a Letter of the same date from Lt Col Ford on Command at Shrewsbury "Twenty seven square rigged Vessels of the Enemys Fleet and twelve or Fourteen sloops and schooners put to Sea this evening they steered a South east Course till they got out of Sight. By a person from N York who was a prisoner I am informed, that the report there was, that between 6 & 7000 Troops were embarked, he sailed in company with them from N York to

C. B. the Watering place. Saw a vast number of Light Horse on board and that the Fleet was very full of men that their destination was a secret, the officers appeared anxious to know —that their Conjectures were various about it. Some talked of Georgia—some of Maryland, and others of Rhode Island.

From these several Accounts and the particularity with which they are related, there can be no doubt but that a body of Troops have embarked and Sailed. What their number is cannot be ascertained, but were [it] according to the lowest estimate, which from a consideration of the Fleet & many other circumstances I should suppose to be as high as it possibly can be, and to exceed their real account, it is formidable. I wish the W Ind^{s} may be their object, but from their having Horse & other considerations, it is to be feared their operations will be on our Southern Continent.

Original

[Delegates in Congress to Gov. Johnson.]

Philadel^{a} May 11th 1779.

Sir

We should have sent by Co^{l} Hyde a larger Sum than five hundred Thousand Dollars had not the Demands on the Treasury been so pressing and of such a nature as to render it impossible. We have now a Warrant for the further Sum of eight hundred Thousand Dollars, the greater part of which if not the whole, we expect to send forward to you in the course of this week. This supply we hope will enable your Excellency to prosecute with success, the purchase of above & for the Army.

General Washington at this time stands in need of heavy Cannon, for the further Defence of the North River and the necessity of being immediately supplied with at least five pieces, has induced Congress to apply to our State, for such Cannon as can be spared either on Loan or purchase, at the Election of the General Assembly. Under the circumstances of this case, and knowing the necessity, we cannot suppose the General Assembly (if you have not power already) can have any objection against granting the request of Congress. If you should lend the Cannon, Mr Hughes who has now contracted with Congress for a considerable number, will be directed to send to Annapolis or such place as you may direct, the like number and weight of metal, with those that shall be lent by the state.

Your letter of the 30th Ap^{l} does not clearly express in what way the Emissions of May and Ap^{l} came into the State Treasuries. If by Taxes for the Continent, there can be no doubt

but you may send, as soon as it is convenient, the several sums in those Bills to the Continental Treasury; for the Resolves of Congress are express that they shall be received for Debts and Taxes into the continental Treasury and into the State Treasury for continental Taxes untill the first of June. If they came in on any other ground than for a continental Tax, (altho not strictly within the Resolves of Congress) yet we think the State may, and we are of opinion you ought or it will be advantageous to the State, to consider them as brought in, in that light; and when the continental Tax is actually raised you may then reimburse the State Treasuries. Congress as they have no Authority, so they never will inquire into the manner by which the State has raised her quota. If however the Emissions alluded to above, were not expressly levied for Continental Taxes, and you do not, as we conceive you may, consider them in that light, no way is open but to throw them into the Loan office, either on Loan or to be exchanged, the former of these alternatives we do not approve of and the latter will deprive the State of the use of the money for some time. Origina

Mr Harwood's power as a continental Loan officer extends no further than to receive these Emissions either on loan or to be exchanged, we therefore think he did right in not receiving them in the way you proposed to him.

Enclosed you have Extract of Letters from the General. they were received yesterday and will be sent by the president to you, but least his Copy should miscarry, we have thought it proper to send you the one enclosed—their Destination is not known. To rescue the Troops of Burgoyne may possibly be part of their object, tho' the prevailing opinion is, that their main design is farther South.

We are Sir with highest Respect
and Esteem your ob^t & h^ble
Serv^ts
Geo: Plater
Wm Paca
John Henry
Dan of St Thos Jenifer

The Board of War desire to know the Condition & Price of the Powder. if they like the latter, a Person will be sent down to examine the State of it & close the Bargain

Original [J. Henry to Gov. Johnson.]

York Town May 11th 1778

Dear Sir

I sent you yesterday by Mr David Poe 36 thousand Dollars part of the warrant of one hundred thousand lately granted by Congress to the State of Maryland. This Gentleman promised to deliver the 36 thousand Dollars to Mr Lux at Baltimore, whom I have requested to forward it immediately to you.

I received to Day a Letter from Mr Brown of Annapolis. He has expressed a strong desire to return home to his native Country. His Intentions are to apply to you and the Council for leave to go to Philadelphia and from thence to England. I cannot discover any reasonable objection against granting his request Mr Carrol will also write to you upon this subject; you will easily perceive this Gentleman is very desirous of appearing before you, with the assistance of some of his acquaintances to strengthen his application. I assure you if I could apprehend the least danger from granting him leave to depart in the way he desires, I would be one of the last who would give him permission, but I am persuaded he cannot if he had an Inclination, communicate any thing to the Enemy which they do not know already. When you consider the particular situation of this Gentleman I am inclined to think you will be of opinion that he has some claim to your attention and indulgence. If you should join with me in opinion in this, and there are no particular state reasons for detaining this Gentleman, I hope he will meet with your assent.

We have nothing new since Mr Chase left us, except a report that the Enemy are preparing to leave Philadelphia.

I am Sir with great respect and Esteem

Yrs J. Henry

C. B. Tuesday 12. 1778.

Present as on yesterday his Excellency & Daniel Carroll Esqr Attended

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Abraham Mister Twenty eight Pounds ten shillings & eleven Pence due him, Thirteen Pounds eight shillings and two Pence for the use of Cap. Henry Lake & his Company, six Pounds six shillings & three Pence and six Pounds eight shillings and four Pence for the use of Capt. John Todd & his Company Forty Pounds Three shillings and seven Pence and Eighteen Pounds seven shillings and one Penny for the use of Capt. Benj. Keene and Compy as per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt Henry Massey Thirty Pounds eleven shillings and three Pence Wages due himself and Men on board the Amelia as per Accounts passed by the A General C. B.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Christopher Birkhead six hundred and seventeen Pounds ten shillings & four Pence and the further sum of sixty eight pounds seven shillings & six Pence due to him per Acc^{ts} passed by the A Genl

Certificate given to Col^{o} Birkhead that it appears necessary that he shall Draw on the Eastern shore Treasurer two Pounds ten shillings as per Certificate of John Bracco Register of the Orphans Court on Account of Willm Brinsfield a wounded soldier lately a Private in the first Class of the fourth Battalion of Militia from Talbot County

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Crapper of the Galley Baltimore 5 yards Check Linen

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Jacob of the 6 Regiment, Cloth sufficient for a Coat Waistcoat & breeches with Trimings and 7 yards Linen to be charged accordingly.

Capt. Gordan, The Copy of a Clause in a Resolve of the General Assembly passed last Session by which you will see there is an Advance on the pay of the Officers & Men in the Galleys and you are desired to ship your men agreeable thereto.

Ordered That the Sheriff of Talbot County pay to George North Thirty two Dollars the bounty for enlisting two Recruits

That the Treasurer of the Western shore pay to Zacheus Onion seventeen Pounds ten shillings for the use of Thomas Bond Senr per Account passed by the Auditor General

It being represented by Richard Dallam Esqr that Col^{o} Hollingsworth hath sent large Quantities of wheat into Harford County to be manufactoried into flour to be laid up in Magazines for the use of the Army and that unless the said wheat is soon carried to the Mills the same is in danger of being spoilt and stolen and that Waggons cannot be got for the removal of the said Wheat unless a power is given by this Board for the impressing them.

Wherefore it is ordered that a sufficient Number of Waggons & Teams be immediately employed in the said Service and if they cannot be obtained on Contract that on the Application of the said Col^{o} Hollingsworth or any Person acting in his Behalf that they be impressed according to Law, and in Order that the burthen may be as equally divided as may be that the Waggons and Teams necessary for the Service be taken from the different Parts of Harford County which will afford an Opportunity to two or more neighbours to make

C. B. up one Waggon and Team amongst them whereby Tillage may suffer no great prejudice and to prevent the same persons who now yield Assistance from being again called on before it properly comes to their Turn a List of all Waggons and Teams employed in the said Service either on Contract or on being pressed together with the Time of their Service respectively is hereby directed to be returned to this Board

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[Council to W. Richardson.]

In Council 12th May 1778.

Sir

James OBryan of your Regiment who obtained a Furlough, was, after the Time expired, taken up as a Deserter and escaped from Prison, has surrendered himself to Colº Burkhead; he has been useful in assisting the Recruiting Service. Colº Burkhead is very desirous and we join our Request to his Solicitation, that OBryan's late Conduct may wipe off his former ill Behaviour. We are Sir &ca

Colº Wm Richardson.

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[Council to Gen. Hooper.]

In Council 12th May 1778.

Sir

One John Pennington of your County was taken up as a Vagrant by Stanly Cook and John McKeele and brought hither in the Galley. There is no Adjudication of his being a Vagrant transmitted with him and the Man disowns that he is a Person of that Character or that he has been before any Officer. We request you Sir to make Inquiry into the Matter, that Pennington may be sent back if he has not been already adjudged, and have the Hearing that the Law and Justice require, or if he has been adjudged, that the proper Certificate may be returned. We are &ca

Genl Hooper

[Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council 12th May 1778.

Sir

We inclose you an Order for the impressing of Waggons; it is much our Wish that this Burthen should be so divided as to interfere as little as possible with Cultivation. As to the Difficulty about Flower Casks, we cannot so easily remove it. Giving Exemptions, where we have the Power, sets up invid-

ious Distinctions and makes the Burthen the greater on others: C. C.
We have therefore been very sparing in the Exercise of that Power, and had rather the Price of Casks should, if necessary be increased. Every industrious Tradesman is wanted at Home, and a Pursuit of the Principle of Exemptions will lead us too far. We are Sir &ca

Richard Dallam Esq.

Wednesday 13th May 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer Pay to Benjamin Amos twelve Pounds, three shillings and nine Pence and also the further sum of Thirteen Pounds nine shillings for the use of Robert Amos per Accts passed by the A. G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Colo Benjamin Chambers nine hundred and sixty five Pounds four shillings and two Pence half penny to be delivered over to Ezek Forman and the further sum of Forty Pounds ten shillings due himself as per Accounts passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Michael Allen six Pounds for riding Express from Balto with the money sent from Congress.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Andrew Willson Thirty six Pounds for the use of Samuel Chester per Account passed by the A Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Zachariah Gaither Thirty two Pounds twelve shillings for the use of Richard Lawrence p Acct passed by the Aud. Genl.

An Order on the Sheriff of Frederick County to Colo Otho H. Williams for two thousand Dollars for the recruiting Service was this Day returned no use being made of the same.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut John Packam 7 yds. Linen, Drilling for two pair Breeches Cloth for a Coat & Waistcoat & Trimmings.

Commissions issued to Daniel Smith appointed first Lieut Christian Smith second Lieut, of Capt. Simkins Company in the Catoctin Batt. of Militia in Frederick County.

[Council to D. Stewart.] C. C.

In Council 13th May 1778. p. 149

Sir

We are much obliged to you for your Attention and Care in transmitting the 36,000 Dollars sent by Mr. Henry from Congress. The Money is lodged in our Treasury and we have setled with the Express, and are Sir &ca

David Stewart, Esqr
Balto Town

C. C. [Circular to Purchasers of Clothing.]

Circular. In Council Annapolis 13th May 1778

Sir

It is with Pleasure we request you will not make any further Purchases of Cloathing for the Troops under your present Instructions, excepting Hats. We have lately engaged a considerable quantity of Linen of Mr. Morris and are empowered to appropriate some Cloathing belonging to the Congress to the use of our Quota; with those Additions we shall be able to furnish our Men tolerably well; any that you may have on Hand, we wish you to send forward as formerly directed, or, if wanted by the Recruits or Substitutes of your County, deliver to the Officers for their Use. Be so obliging also as to transmit us an Account of your Purchase and your Disposition of the Cloathing, that we may have the General Account made up as soon as may be. We are &ca

To the Purchasers of Cloathing.

p. 150 [Council to D. Hughes.]

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1778.

Sir

Capt Charles Coulston has waited on us and tells us that the Company over which he was appointed Captain is, in your now Disposition of the Militia, broke and divided between Daniel Cresap's & Charles Clinton's Companies. We have never received a return from you of any of the Militia beyond Licking Creek and wish to have it as soon as may be, that the Officers may be commissioned, and the Militia to the westward put in the best State, that they may be ready at any Time to act in their own Defence, if, as is too likely, it should be necessary. We think as Captn Coulston's Company is a frontier Company, it had better be kept entire, unless there are Reasons against it which do not occur to us and which we request you will mention, if you should still think it proper to break that Company. Captain Coulston also mentions that you desired him not to call on his Company to meet and exercise because, we suppose, of your Intention to divide it as mentioned before, but, 'til the new Commissions are issued, his is certainly in Force. The Number of Men to be raised in your County was fixed on the Number of the two lower Battalions only, and we are apprehensive that the Conduct of the Indians may make it necessary to strengthen the upper Part. We are Sir &ca

P. S. Capt. Coulston says that he was arrested by Colo

Barrets Orders and carried before you, as if under Orders from you, but that you had given no such Orders. We do not know what could be the Occasion of it, but think it ought to be inquired into. C. C.

Col° Dan[l] Hughes.

Thursday 14th May 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer Pay to James Brice Esq[r] two hundred & forty five Pounds for his Attend[a] in Council 140 Days a 35/

Ordered that the Western shore Treasurer pay to John Aron twelve Pounds due him & three Pounds five shillings for the use of Henry Cain per Acc[ts] passed by the Aud. Gen[l].

Ordered That the Agents for Purchasing Provisions in Montgomery and Frederick Counties deliver to M[r] George Murdock Issuing Commissary in Frederick Town all the Salt Provisions purchased by them in said Counties.

Ordered That the Sheriff of Montgomery County pay to Robert Owen Purchaser of Provisions in said County five hundred Pounds on Account and for the purpose of purchasing Provisions.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the Officers, Sailors & Marines on board the Independence Galley Sundry Cloathing per Lists sent.

That the Western Shore Treasurer Pay to Magdalen Tripolet one hundred and forty five Pounds, fourteen shillings and ten Pence for the rent of her Houses for Barracks in Baltimore p Acc[t] passed by the A Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Sears five Pounds ten shillings per Account passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Ignatius Simms Fifty seven pounds to be delivered over to Francis Burgess per Acc[t] passed by the A Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. Joseph Maccubbin fourteen Pounds thirteen shillings and three Pence for the use of the Company lately under the Command of George Watts per Pay roll examined & passed by the A Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Chaplin nine Pounds for the use of Lodowick Keedy a Private in Capt. John Reynolds Comp[y] per Account passed by the Aud. General.

By his Excellency Thomas Johnson Esq[r] Governor of Maryland

C. B. A Proclamation

Whereas it is necessary that there should soon be a Meeting of the General Assembly of this State, I have therefore with the Advice of the Council appointed Monday the first Day of June next for the meeting and holding of the said General Assembly and the several Sheriffs within this State are hereby enjoined to give Public and due Notice thereof

Given at Annapolis this fourteenth Day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight.

T Johnson

By his Excell^{cs} Command
T Johnson Junr Sect^{ry} God save the State.

C. C. [Council to S. Steward.]
p. 150 In Council Annapolis 14th May 1778.

Sir.

We have 50 Hh^{ds} of Tob^{o} on Board the Baltimore Galley, designed for the Molly. That vessel will want 20 or 25 Hh^{ds} more and will probably be delayed for want of them, unless we can get them somewhere convenient. Can you lend us that Number any where in this Neighbourhood? if you can, send us an Order for them.

We are &^{ca}

Mr Stephen Steward.

p. 151 [Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council 14th May 1778.

Sir.

The Sheriff of Harford informs us that as soon as the Regular Officers give Receipts for the Substitutes, he pays the sixty Dollars bounty which is agreeable to our Intention in our Instructions to him, and all that we can or ought to direct. The Recruiting Offiers are not entitled to the sixteen Dollars for Substitutes. We imagine, with you and every where else, the getting more Men into the Service, *as Recruits*, is at an End, and the few Days before which the Burthen is to fall on the Classes, will probably, nearly expire before this reaches you: wherefore it is not worth while now to send up recruiting Warrants. Your letter of the 30th of April on this Subject, came to Hand only to Day.

We are &^{ca}

Col^{o} Richd Dallam.

[Circular to Colonels.] C. C.

Circular. In Council Annapolis 14th May 1778.

Sir.

It appears to us an Object of the greatest Consequence to cover and forward the Continental Provisions from the Head of Elk and its Neighbourhood. We have not been favoured with any Account of the Number of Militia furnished by Kent, Cecil and Harford County, in Consequence of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 8th of April and our Orders of the same Day. We are informed by Colo Hollingsworth that the Occasion of having the Guards of Militia will continue beyond the Time those are to stay who are employed in that Service; wherefore we direct a Relief of two Companies of the Militia of your County to be got ready and marched against the Time of those on Duty expires, to be made up of the Class or Classes to serve next in Turn, but if it has been judged that a less Number will fully answer the Purpose, then you are to supply only your Proportion of the necessary Number. We shall be obliged to you for an Answer to this and to advise us when you judge the Service will allow the Militia to be discharged, that they may not be uselessly burthened.

We are &ca

To Colonels
William Bordley, Charles Rumsey
and Richard Dallam

Friday 15th May 1778. C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Aquila Parker forty eight Pounds for being Adjutant to the Gun Powder Batt. and the further Sum of six Pounds for Do to the 8th Batt. of Militia per Accts passed by the A General

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Beriah Maybury Fifty Pounds on accot

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Bennett Matthews five hundred and Thirty seven Pounds, fourteen shillings and eight Pence due himself and Men of the Galley Independence as per Acct passed by the A Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Stevenson seven Pounds and nine Pence for the use of Henry Boarman per Acct passed by the A Genl

That Mr Crysall deliver to Joseph Ashmead Continental Commissary all the Pork in his Possession belonging to the Continent and as much Salt as he may want for the same keeping a just account of it.

C. B. That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Mr Chevier Sundry Cloathing for the Seamen of the Chester Galley per List sent charging them accordingly.

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Daniel Deshon Master of the sloop Molly mounting ten carriage Guns navigated by thirty men belonging to the State of Maryland.

Commission issued to Samuel Hanson, Daniel Jenifer, George Dent and Robert Young appointed Justices of the Orphans Court for Charles County.

C. C.
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[Council to R. Harrison.]

In Council 15th May 1778.

Sir

Capt Conway having declined serving us any longer in the Molly, we were at a Loss for a Capt for her: Mr Van Bibber undertook to procure one who might be depended on and we left the Terms to himself, he agreed with Capt Danl Deshon, and agreed he should have the Freight of two Hd^ds Privilege Freight of his own Goods, fully the Produce, of his Venture out Freight free back, in what Articles he pleases except Salt, and that he should draw one fourth of the Commissions. Capt Van Bibber says Deshon might have had any Vessel in Baltimore, and we have no Doubt but he is very clever. We think it proper to give you this Information, left open with the Captain and are Sir &^ca

Mr Richard Harrison Martinico,

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[Council to D. Deshon.]

In Council 15th May 1778

Sir

You are to load the Molly with the Tobacco we send you, and that she may take as much as can be put into her, break some of the Hh^ds and stow in between the whole Hogsheads. After you are loaded and properly cleared, you are to proceed to St Piers in Martinico and there deliver your Cargoe to Mr Richard Harrison, to whom you go consigned, and whose further Orders you are to observe. We shall write him on the Subject. If you should be forced into any other Island or Port by Accident or the Enemy, you are to stay there and write to Mr Harrison, advising him of it and inclosing him a Copy of this Instruction, he will, on Receipt of it, give Orders,

which you will follow. You will advise us by every Oppor- C. C.
tunity of your Situation and Proceedings

We are &ca

Capt. Daniel Deshon.

[Council to E. Blaine.]

In Council Annapolis 15th May 1778

Sir

By this Day's Post we received yours of the 7th We shall consider and advise you of the Persons we may think will assist you in your Office with Integrity and Industry. We have derived no Assistance from the Recommendation of Congress of the 24th of April, to the Government of Pennsylvania, to furnish Sailors for manning the Maryland and Virginia Gallies: a due Attention to it would much forward the Transportation of the Provisions purchased. A good Deal of Meat, especially Bacon, has been bought up in this State, we wish it to be removed as soon as may be, for immediate use, and shall do all we can to accomplish it, for, besides its being wanted, it will not keep in collected Quantities, unless there's more than common Attention to it.

We are &ca

Ephraim Blaine Esqr
Dy Comy Genl of Purchases

[Council to Maxwell, Nesbitt & Co.]

In Council Annapolis 15th May 1778.

Gent

We received your Favor of the 12th by the Post to Day. We were just about giving Orders to a Galley going nearly opposite to Matompkin, to bring us one Half the Linen invoiced agreeable to your Order of the 5th We believe it will be a safe Conveyance and could have wished agreeable to the other Purchasers, that the whole might have come hither together or that they should have been brought by Land no farther than Cambridge there they might have been easily divided and from thence they might have been readily sent to Baltimore or the Head of the Bay. What is for the Continent might have been readily made into Shirts & Overalls at Baltimore. The increased Expence and what is more considerable, the great Delay from sending the Goods to Lancaster and afterwards bringing them back induce us still

C. C. to endeavour to get our Proportion up by Water. We shall
p. 153 have two Gallies below and, if it would be agreeable, we would have the whole brought hither and divided by any Body sent or appointed for that Purpose.

We are Gen^{t} &^{ca}

Messrs John Maxwell Nesbitt & Co.
Merch^{ts} Lancaster.

C. B. Saturday 16th May 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Thomas Sim Lee Esq. One hundred and eighty nine Pounds for his Attend^{a} in Council

That the said Treasurer Pay to Joseph Dowson twelve Pounds seventeen shillings and six Pence per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Thomas Hyde ninty five Pounds five shillings due him per Acc^{t} passed by the A. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Isaac Jones twenty Pounds seventeen shillings and six Pence due ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the A Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Silas Simpkins twenty Dollars Express from Old Town in Washington County

Ordered That Mr Crysal deliver to George Piercy one hhd Whiskey for the Conqueror Galley

Commission issued to John Strawbridge appointed Sheriff of Cecil County he having resigned in March last.

Commissions issued to Lemuel Barritt appointed Colonel, Andrew Bruce Lieut Col^{o} Joseph Inslow Ensign of Capt. Cresaps Company, David Swank Ensign of Capt. Clintons Comp^{y} also to James Prather Captain Thomas Humphreys first Lieut. Joseph Read second Lieut, Charles Prather Ens. Philip Pindell Capt. Thomas Hynes, first Lieut, Abraham Cox second Lieut and John Webb Ensign belonging to the Third or Western Battalion of Militia in Washington County

[Council to R. Beatty.]

Sir, The distressed and defenceless Situation of the back Inhabitants makes immediate Assistance necessary we are sending off 100 Musketts and 10 Riffles we do not know how the People are off for amunition but by the Express who says they have a good deal of Lead but are bare of Powder we

request you'll immediately send off to Col° Hughs two half Barrels of best musket Powder on a Pack Horse and if he should apply to you for Arms Lead or more Powder furnish him without further Orders as far as necessary or as far as you can. pray inform us by the first Opportunity what Number of Public Arms fit for use there are in Frederick and be so obliging as to push White and Razor to finish those for which they have Barrels they may probably be soon wanted C. B.

We are &ca

To Col° Beatty

Information being given to this Board that the Indians have commenced Hostilities on the western Frontiers that many Murders have been committed and that great Numbers of the back settlers in this and the Neighbouring States are flying from their Habitations. It is therefore ordered that such and so many of the third or western Battalion of Militia in Washington County as may be judged necessary by the Col° of that Battalion be immediately called into actual Service for the Defence & Protection of the western Frontiers and to act in Concert or if necessary in Conjunction with the Militia of the Adjoining State of Virginia & Pennsylvania against the Enemy and further that in Case the Lieut of Washington County shall judge a greater Force necessary that he call out into the same Service any part of the other Militia of his County in classes, he having regard to the actual service performed already by any of the service classes.

[Council to D. Hughes.] C. C. p. 153

In Council Annapolis 16th May 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you the Commissions you wrote for, we have done so under a strong Impression of an absolute Necessity of having the back Militia put immediately in the best State of Defence against the Indians. We wish you had sent us a List of all the Officers, that their Commissions might have been issued together. We are packing up and shall send off in the Morning 100 Musquets and 10 Rifles and write Col° Beatty to send you two half Barrels of best musquet Powder The Express thinks it very unsafe to send the Arms and Powder without a good Guard, least the Disaffected and Deserters about Murlie's Branch should seize them: Would it not be well for the Arms and Powder to be sent by you as far as the Tennoloways, giving Notice to a Company or two about old Town to receive them there and to carry them as

c. c. far as Old Town or Barretts, where they may be put into the Hands of those who are called into service? We are told there's a pretty good Stock of Lead at Fort Cumberland; both Powder and Lead were sent some Time ago into that Part of the Country and we hope it has been taken Care of. We also write to Col° Beatty to furnish you with more Ammunition and what Arms he can, if you judge a further Supply necessary, & apply for it. The Militia to the Westward we hope may be sufficient, if not, you are to assist them with a Company or two from below, and give us Notice by Express, that we may send Assistance from the Counties below you. You will give orders to Col° Barret conformable to the inclosed Order and we flatter ourselves that the People will exert themselves with Alacrity, as the Necessity of exerting themselves at all will probably be of but short continuance. We have given the Express 20 Dollars towards bearing his Expences, of which advise Col° Barrett. We imagine an issuing Commissary & Forage Master can be wanted but a very little while at Hagar's Town; we suppose it must be for the Continental Business, if so, we think you had better employ some Body for the Time such may be wanted, advising the Board of War of it. The Recruits we wish to have sent forward as soon as possible. We are &ca

Danl Hughes Esqr

p. 154 [Council to Col. Barett.]

In Council 16th May 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you a Copy of the Order we have passed in Consequence of your Information of the State of the back Country. We much approve your Resolution to spirit up the People to Fort rather than desert the Country. We have ordered 100 good Musquets & 10 Rifles from hence and two half Barrels of Powder from Frederick Town and, if more should be wanted or Arms or Lead, that such be supplied as far as may be from Frederick Town. Col° Hughes has also Directions, if necessary, to send you a Part of the Militia from below and, if more still should be wanted, we shall march them, for if the People behave well in defending themselves, they may expect a Powerful and chearful Assistance. Simkins says he thinks there's Danger of the Deserters and Disaffected taking the Arms and Powder, if sent up for Old Town, without a Guard. We have therefore thought it best a Company or two should receive them about the Tennolo-

ways and, considering the Road, we submit to you whether it would not be well for the Arms to be taken out of the Cases at the Tenoloways and the Men carry them up in their Hands. We hope and expect from the great Change in our Affairs, that you will not be long distressed by the Indians, or we on the Water by the British. We are &c^a C. C.

Col^o Barrett.

[Duer and Others to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Sir,

Inclosed we send you Extracts from a Letter found on board a sloop which stranded on Cape Henlopen the 1st instant. We should have sent your Excellency the original, but that there were other matters in it which concern the State of Virginia. You will perceive Sir, how necessary the utmost vigilance will be to detect and punish these nefarious practices, which we have reason to apprehend are frequently repeated on the Eastern shore in your State and in Delaware. Congress, having obtained several Letters which were found in the afs^d sloop, referred them to a Committee: As we find nothing in any others of them, that we conceive may be useful to you, we have only to assure you that it will afford us a singular pleasure to render you any service in assisting to secure and bring to trial such wicked Traitors. We have the Honor to be

Your Excellency's
Most obedient humble Servants
Wm Duer
Thos M.Kean
Richard Henry Lee

York-Town
May 16th 1778.

His Excellency
Thomas Johnson Esquire

Extract of a Letter from John Lancaster of New York to Mr James Parker at Philadelphia, dated April 27. 1778.

"On the 25th the St Albans arrived here from Hampton Road, in her old Gutrich and a son of Dr Strohans of Richmond Came passengers, she brought upwards of two hundred prisoners, and Mr Gutrich says that 130 men from Somerset County in Maryland are on board the Virginia Frigate inlisted into the British Service by M^r ——— who is come off with them, and that the above Gentleman at pleasure could fetch off 170 more who had agreed to enter into the King's Service, Last night came to this city a young man of the name of

C. B. Graham from Hampton Virginia, he was drafted but allowed a few day's to try to procure a man in his stead, but on giving a negro fifty dollars he got a putt on board the Hotham Tender
brings Dixon & Hunter's paper till the 10th curr^t by which I see our friend Mr Ingram is advertising from Northampton County that he intends to have the Collony soon (his own words)"

The above are true extracts from the original in our possession. York-Town May 16th 1778.

Monday 18 May 1778

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esqr

Ordered that Mr Crysall deliver to Capt Rogers 3 barrels of Pork 4 Barrels of Beef 600 lb ship bread one Barrell flour 50 fathom 2 Inch rope and 20 Gallons of Whiskey for the use of the General Smallwood and to Capt. Matthews one Barrel Whiskey for the Galley Independence

That Mr Crysall deliver to Lieut Boyle one barrel Whiskey, 3 Barrels flour four Barrels Beef two Barrels Pork and 8 Barrels Bread & 150 lb of Bacon for the Baltimore Galley

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Skiret of Capt Brownes Company of Artilery one Blanket and Russia Drab suff. for 2 pair Breeches.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Bailliry 2 pair Shoes and 4 pair Stockings for two Recruits charged to Genl Pulaski's Legion

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Boyle two Bolts Canvas for the Galley Baltimore.

That the western shore Treasurer Pay to David Schriver Fifteen pounds for the use of Nicholas Franger per Cert^a allowed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. Nicholas Mauger one thousand six hundred and eighty Dollars to enable him to pay the sixty Dollars Bounty to each of the following substitutes enlisted to serve for three years or during the War from Saint Mary's County Viz. Pat. Kelly, William McGee, Charles McGee, John Rock, John Holmes, Austin Howard, Bennet Cheshire, Thomas Green Alvey, Justinian Pullock, John Blundell, Elias Henry, John Baptist Bailey Richard Hall, Traverse Alvey, Joseph Shanks Zephaniah Williams James Thomas, Henry Harley, George Collins, William Holt Edward Harley John Farden Jeremiah Scrabler Thomas Curtis John Sprague Athan^s Thompson John Trueman and William Rock in all 28.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Edward Lloyd Esqr two thousand one hundred and eighty seven

Pounds one shilling due him per Account passed by the Aud. General C. B.

Commissions issued to James Boyle appointed first Lieut of Marines on board the Galley Baltimore also to Edward Markland first Lit and Richard Brogden second Lieut of the Galley Baltimore.

[Council to C. Howard.] C. C. p. 154

In Council Annapolis 18th May 1778.

Sir.

We have sent down by Capt Gordon a Letter from Mr Morris and an Invoice Order and Letter from I. M. Nesbit and Co., concerning the Cargoe of the Brig Lively in Matompkin Inlet, a Part of which we have engaged for this State. We understand on the Whole of the Matter, that the Invoice contains those Goods only which belongs to Nesbit & Co. and that Mr Morris has about the same Quantity and Kinds, and that we are to have one fourth of the Whole. The State the Goods are in will make a good Deal of Judgment and Care necessary to divide them equally and justly and we want them so much that we cannot Delay it. We therefore request, as you are at or near the Spot, that you will oblige us and the Public so far as to divide the Goods as fairly and equally as possible, receiving one fourth Part for us, and send our Part p. 155 with an Invoice in Capts Gordon & Walker, but chiefly in Gordon, unless you judge it very unsafe. If you judge it too dangerous to send the Goods by Water, we request you to have them forwarded by Land with all Expedition, to Vienna, but before the Goods are removed from Matompkin, we would by all Means, have them put into small Bales or packed in Casks, to prevent Embezzlement. This Business lying at such a Distance from us, we intreat your Attention to it. Capt Gordon will furnish you with the Papers referred to.

Mr Chas Howard. We are &ca

P. S. If the fourth Part of the Whole of the Goods should not amount to the Quantity for which Messrs Nesbitt & Co. gave their Order the 5th of May, it is expected the Quantity will be sent from all the Parcells to answer the Intention of the Order

[Council to J. Stewart.]

In Council Annapolis 18th May 1778.

Sir

Inclosed is a Copy of our Letter to Mr Chs Howard who we expect is at or in the Neighbourhood of Matompkin. In Case

c. c. he should not be there, we have directed this to be sent to you Express and we entreat you to transact the Business for us in the same Manner as we have requested Mr Howard. The Linen is exceedingly wanted to fit out our Recruits for Camp. We are &ca

Colo John Stewart, Somt

[Council to E. Magruder.]

In Council Annapolis 18th May 1778

Sir

This by Mr Eastman's Sloop which we have sent round for a Load of Provisions with Orders to go to your Fishery, where we request you will load her with barrelled Fish, unless Capt Richardson, to whom we have wrote, should lodge or give contrary Orders. We wish you to dispatch the Sloop, she is by the Day, and any Delay will be expensive.

We are &ca

Mr Enoch Magruder.

[Council to T. Richardson.]

In Council Annapolis 18th May 1778,

Sir.

We have sent a Sloop of Mr Eastman's which will carry about 280 or perhaps 300 Barrels round to Mr Magruder's desiring Mr Magruder to load her with Fish, unless you should give contrary Directions. If you had rather she should take in any other Load, you'll lodge your Orders accordingly that there may be no Delay. We received a Letter by the last Post from Mr Blaine, pressing us to forward the Provisions from this State to Charles Town, if Vessels can be got in Potomack and the River is clear, we think they had best be pushed forward.

We are &ca

Capt Thos Richardson, Geo. Town.

[Council to W. Middleton.]

In Council 18th May 1778.

p. 156 Mr William Middleton.

You are to proceed in Mr Eastman's Sloop to Mr Magruder's Fishery on Broad Creek Potowmack River. If Capt Thomas Richardson should there give you Orders with Respect to loading the Sloop, you will follow them. If no Orders are

left at Magruders for you, we expect Mr Magruder will deliver c. c.
you, according to our Letter to him, a Load of barrelled Fish, which you will take in and proceed with to Charles Town with all Expedition and deliver to Mr Patrick Hamilton, taking his Receipt.

William Middleton

[Council to Messrs. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 18th May 1778.

Gent

We are very desirous of having up our Part of the Linens imported in the Brigantine Lively, by Captains Walker and Gordon. We have wrote to Mr Charles Howard of this Place, who we believe is in your Parts or if not, to Colo Stewart of Somerset, to divide the Goods and receive ours from you agreeable to the Invoice Letter and Order of Mr Morris & Messrs J. M. Nesbitt & Co. which we have sent down. We understand that the Invoice is of the Goods only which belong to Messrs Nesbitt & Co. and that Mr Morris has about a like Quantity of the same kind of Goods, and that we are to have one fourth of the Whole. The Linens of the same Species differing in many Instances in Price and we suppose in Quality, we request that great Attention may be had to distinguish as far as can be in the Invoice of those we receive which Pieces they are.

We are &ca

Messrs Isaac & Thorowgood Smith
Merchts Onancock.

[Council to R. Harrison.]

In Council Annapolis 18th May 1778.

Sir

This by the Molly Capt Deshon. Capt Conway's declining to go again in this Vessel and her Distance from us, put us under Difficulties and has occasioned great Delay. Vanbibber undertook to get us a Capt; we left it with him, as his Anxiety to get something into your Hands, we knew, would prompt his Exertions; we inclose you a Copy of his Letter, which shews his good Opinion of Deshon and the Contract he made with him. The Genl Smallwood, we expect, will sail with Tobacco & Flower about the same Time as the Molly. The Difficulty and great Expence of procuring Cargoes at the Inlets makes it desirable these Vessels should come into the Bay, and we have Expectations if, as probable, there should be a French War the

c. c. Danger will not be so great as now or lately, wherefore we wish you to give Orders for them to return into the Bay with a Discretion in the Captain to vary his Port and attempt the Inlets, if Circumstances should make it expedient. We wish to have both the Vessels well ballasted at least, with Salt.

We are &ca

In Council Annapolis 18th May 1778.

Sir

The foregoing is a Copy of ours designed by the Molly and as it contains our Request as to the Disposition of both Vessels. We have nothing further to add in this by the Genl Smallwood other than that we are &ca

Mr Richard Harrison }
St Piers, Martinico }

[Council to D. Deshon.]

In Council 18th May 1778

Sir.

We send down a Quantity of Flour by the Gallies, out of which you are to finish the Stowage of the Molly after putting in the Tobacco now on Board the Baltimore Galley. We thought it better to make up the Deficiency with Flour which will give you a mixed Cargoe, than to purchase the Tobacco below. Inclosed you have a Letter for Mr Harrison. Do not omit to send us by the Gallies, what belongs to the Molly and will not be necessary in her, with an Inventory

Capt Danl Deshon. We are &ca

Original

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson.]

Wilmington May 18th 1778

Dr Sir

I have inclosed you a Letter from his Excellency General Washington, which he charged me to forward Immediately by an Officer who will wait your leisure should you incline or judge it Necessary to return by him any Dispatches relative to the Subject of the requisition

From every Account and a variety of Circumstances concurring it is supposed the Enemy are about to Evacuate Philadelphia and the General wou'd wish in that Instance to draw the Continental force to a Point to avail himself of any Advantage which might offer; whilst the Public stores remain at Elk and in the Peninsula below, the troops Stationed here, could not with propriety March to join the Army, and have

the stores open I therefore make no doubt but you'l see the Expediency of ordering a body of Militia Immediately to take post to secure and Cover these stores Original

I am with sincere regard

Governor Johnson Your obed^t Hble Servt

W. Smallwood

Tuesday 19th May 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt. Rogers of the General Smallwood Three hundred and fifty Pounds on Acc^t

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Goldsmith two hundred and one Pounds, fourteen shillings and six Pence Bal of Acc't passed by A. G.

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Capt. Matthews four Barrels Beef two Ditto of Pork, one D^o of flour & two Gallons Vinegar for the Galley Independence.

[Council to Capt. De la Plane] C. C.

In Council May 19th 1778. p. 157

Sir.

Mr Keeports has Orders to deliver Cloathing to all Recruits. It is not always in his Power, and never our Intention he should give an undue Preference. Every Thing will be supplied as quickly as possible. The Charge of 10/. per Week for your Men's Lodging cannot be allowed here. Whatever you give more than six Pounds per Pair for the Leather Breeches, must be setled with the recruits; as far as six Pounds per Pair will be paid. The Law allows six Pounds to the Recruiting Officer for every Recruit, but not for substitutes. The Sheriff has Orders to pay 40 Dollars, the State Bounty, for every Recruit or Substitute, entering to serve for 3 years or during the War, on a Certificate from the Lieutenant of the County. The £6 per Recruit, to the recruiting Officer and the same sum per Pair for the Leather Breeches, must be setled and drawn from the Treasury. We are &^ca

Capt De Segond de la Plane of Pulaski's Legion.

[Council to Capt. Rogers.] p. 158

In Council Annapolis 19th May 1778.

Capt Rogers.

We have 20Hh^ds of Tobacco which we shall endeavour to send you in our Boats to Pungoteage, with that and the Flour

C. C. which goes down in the Gallies; beyond what will compleat the Molly's Load, you will load the General Smallwood and proceed with her to the Address of Mr Harrison at Martinico. If we should not be able to send the whole of the 20 Hh^ds, or if the General Smallwood will take more than the 20 Hh^ds and the Surplus of the Flour, we would have you purchase what is deficient of Tobacco or any Thing else, which can be conveniently and speedily got. We expect Mr Harrison will, if he can, furnish you with a Load of Salt back and, on your Return, we wish you to get into the Bay, but we do not intend to tie you up so, but that you may use your Discretion to make an Inlet, in Case you think attempting the Bay is too hazardous.

Capt Rogers.

[Council to R. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 19th May 1778.

Sir

Joseph Williams has complained to us of your getting his Son, a Boy of 14 Years old, fudled and obtaining his Mark to an Enlistment and that you have since sold him as a Substitute to Mr Nich^s Gassaway. We are desirous of enquiring into this Matter, it is our Duty to do so and, to enable us to it with Justice, we desire to see you to-morrow in the fore Part of Day. If any Person was present at the Transaction who will tend to prove it fair, you had better prevail on him to come with you. We are &^ca

Mr Robt Smith.

C. B. Wednesday 20th May 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Gordon sundry Cloathing for his Men of the Conqueror Galley per list sent.

That the Western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Hanson Esqr sixty eight Pounds, seventeen shillings & seven Pence p acc^t passed by the A.G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Charles Williamson one hundred and seventy six pounds, thirteen shillings & eight Pence to be delivered over to Capt. Thomas Cleland due his Comp^y of Militia whilst in actual Service per Pay roll examined & Passed by the A General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. John Burgess ninteen Pounds two shillings & eleven Pence due to him & Part of his

Company whilst in actual Service per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. General. C. B.

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Phillips forty four pounds nine shillings for the use of Henry Stump for Waggon hire fifty nine pounds, five shillings & six pence for the use of Thos Smith and Thirty seven pounds seventeen shillings for the Use of Capt. Glenn & his Comp^{y} ꝑ Acc^{ts} passed by the A General.

Commissions issued to Walter Hanson, Samuel Hanson, Daniel Jenifer, George Dent & Richard Barnes appointed Judges of the Court of Appeals for Charles County according to the Directions of an Act of the General Assembly.

Mr Miller is requested to have the one fourth part of the Goods imported in the Brig Lively engaged for this State, separated from the rest, and sent up in Walkers and Gordons Galley's, If he finds it convenient the Galleys are to take the rest of the Goods and they shall be conveyed by water to Baltimore Charles Town or Elk.

Richard Williams, son of Joseph, a Lad of 14 years of Age enlisted as a Substitute for Richard Smith and not being an Able bodied Recruit is hereby discharged from the Service on Complaint of Joseph Williams.

Joseph Winterson was brought before this Board as a Deserter and no Evidence being produced of his being enlisted and a letter from Stephen Steward inducing a Belief that he did not enlist it is ordered that he be permitted to go at Large on his own business.

Commissions issued to Robert Harrison appointed Col^{o} Thomas Jones Lieut. Col^{o} Ezekiel Vickars Major; Thomas Eccleston Capt, Nathaniel Manning first Lieut, Levin Woolford second Lieut, Benjamin Woodward Ens, Joseph Robinson Capt, Moses Lecompt first Lieut, Henry Keene second Lieut, John Budd Ens. Arthur Wheatley Capt. William Dail first Lieut, Thomas Wheeler second Lieut, Stephen Ross Ens, Roger Jones Capt, John Brambell first Lieut, John Jones second Lieut, James Woolford Ens. James Woolford Capt, William Thomas first Lieut, John Lecompt second Lieut, Thomas Hubbard Ens, Benjamin Keene Capt. John Keene first Lieut, Richard Tubeman second Lieut, John Griffith Ens, Joseph Byus Capt. Solomon Jones first Lieut, Joseph Hubbert second Lieut, Samuel Hubbert Ensign Charles Stapplefort Capt. John Scott first Lieut, Samuel Hooper second Lieut Edward Stephens Ens. Edward Staplefort Capt, Hugh McGuire first Lieut, Edwatd Pritchett second Lieut, John McGuire Ensign belonging to the Lower Batt. of Militia in Dorchester County—also to John Dickinson Col^{o} Joseph Ennalls Lieut Col^{o} Joseph Richardson Major, John Smoot Capt.

C. B. Levin Kirkman first Lieut, James Kirkman second Lieut, James Layton Ens. Jacob Wright Capt, William Lowe, first Lieut, Robert Hardican second Lieut, Isaac Lowe Ens. John Langfitt Capt, Levin Bestpitch first Lieut, George Brown second Lieut, William Philips Ens. Spencer Waters Capt. Isaac Reed first Lieut, Nehemiah Messick second Lieut, John Twyford Ens, Roger A. Hooper Capt, Levin Traverse first Lieut, Edward Scotton second Lieut, Sam[l] A. Hooper Ens. John Lecompt, Capt. Bartholomew Ennalls first Lieutenant Handley Hanly second Lieut, Anthony Manning Ens. Joseph Daffin Capt. Thomas Logan first Lieut, James Sullivane second Lieut, John Pittany Ens. James Wright Capt. Charles Brown first Lieut, Joseph Stack second Lieut, John Stanford Ens. Levin Hanley Capt, John Hooper first Lieut, James Hooper second Lieut, John Marshall Ens, John Henry Capt, John Muir first Lieut, Benjamin Bailey second Lieut, Jacob Hatton Ens, belonging to the Upper Batt. of Militia in Dorchester County.

C. C. [Council to Capt. Eccleston.]

p. 158 In Council Annapolis 20th May 1778.

Sir

The Rev[d] M[r] Brown has represented to us that John Vaughan, who he alledges had contracted to serve him two years from the Month of January last on Wages, was taken from his Labor by Mess[rs] Byas and M[c]Keel, forcibly, and wounded by the former, and that afterwards he took the Bounty. M[r] Brown further represents that the Loss of this Man's Service will be highly prejudicial to him and proposes to furnish a Recruit in his Stead who shall be approved by you, as fully equal to Vaughan. We wish the Service, where it can be as effectually forwarded, may prove as little prejudicial as possible to Individuals and therefore on a Recruit being furnished who you judge fully as good as Vaughan, in his Stead, we request you will suffer him to stay and procure from Col[o] Richardson, as soon as you can, his Discharge, which, we have no Doubt will be readily granted, on the Colo's being informed of the Terms, that they are complied with and that it is our Request We are &[ca]

Cap[t] Eccleston

p. 159 [Council to N. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1778

Sir.

You are immediately to draft thirty two of your best Matrosses and send them to the Head of Elk, under Cap[t] Furnival

and one of the Lieutenants with two Field Pieces furnished with Ammunition and Grape, to join the Militia ordered as a Guard to the Public Stores there. The Service will be but short. Not a Moment is to be lost. Every Thing must be sent by Water and, if a Vessel cannot be got without, one must be pressed. We shall send two Field Pieces from hence, but if you have any in Baltimore that will answer better, use them and return those. We are &ca C. C.

Maj. Nath[l] Smith

[Council to G. Keeports.]

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1778.

Sir.

In Consequence of a Letter just now received from his Excellency Gen[l] Washington, we have ordered a Number of Militia to the Head of Elk as a Guard to the Stores there; many of them will be without Arms: you are therefore to put up immediately in Cases, five hundred Stand of the best you have, a like Number of Cartouch Boxes and, if you have them, Canteens, ten thousand Cartridges, if you have so many, suitable for the Musquets, or, if you have not so many, then what you have, and three thousand good Flints. Not one Moment is to be lost, and you must call on Maj[r] Smith for Assistance and hire, if necessary. We send the Plater and Dolphin to receive these Arms &ca We are Sir &ca

Cap[t] Geo. Keeports

[Circular to County Lieutenants.]

(Circular) In Council Annapolis 20th May 1778.

Sir.

We have this Moment received a Letter from his Excellency Gen[l] Washington requesting a Number of our Militia to be immediately drawn together in the Neighbourhood of the Head of Elk, as an effectual Guard to the Stores there: his Reasons are important and decisive and his Requisition urged with great Earnestness. This Service will be of very short continuance and more effectual perhaps, in the common cause, than twice or even thrice their Number at Camp. We therefore entreat your Exertions to send forward as quick as possible two full Companies of your Militia to join the other Militia which we have ordered. The Officers and Men may be assured they can render their Country no greater Service than by chearfully and speedily marching; if you cannot get them out in a more

C. C. expeditious Manner, the Classes must be called on in Turn; but on this Occasion, we flatter ourselves that the number wanted will be made up as soon as the Occasion for them is known, If you can furnish them with good Arms, do so; if you cannot, send them forward without, Arms shall be ready for them at the Head of Elk. Jersey and Pennsylvania are called on for a much greater Proportion of Militia. We hope and flatter ourselves that our Enemies will be soon rooted out. Every Thing depends on expedition

To the Lieutent^s of Queen Anns, Harford Kent & Balt^o Counties } We are &^ca

Queen Ann's Hartford & Kent 2 Comp^ys each Balt^o 3 Comp^ys

p. 160 [Council to C. Rumsey.]

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1778.

Sir.

We have this Moment received a Letter from his Excellency Genl Washington requesting a Number of our Militia to be drawn together in the Neighbourhood of the Head of Elk, as effectual Guards to the Stores there, his Reasons are important and decisive and his Requisition urged with great Earnestness—We have, in Consequence of it, ordered three Companies from Baltimore and two from each of the Counties of Kent, Queen Ann's and Harford, and you are to have two Companies of your County Militia to join them, but, as not one Moment is to be lost and there may be some Delay in the Companies getting up from a distance, you are immediately to call out one Battalion of your County and discharge them Company after Company, as the other Militia arrive. The Service will be short and important. We hope this is the last Time we shall have Occasion to call on the Militia, this War, and that they will at this Time, render their Aid with chearfulness and alertness. If you cannot get the Militia in a more Speedy Way, you must call on them by Classes in Turn. Jersey and Pennsylvania are called on for a greater proportion of Militia. This service is easy, indispensibly necessary and will be short. we flatter ourselves it will be immediately rendered. As soon as you get 400 Men together, including those already on Duty, advise Genl Smallwood of it by Express, and so, from Time to Time, as the Militia may get in, of their increased numbers, mentioning the Captains and Numbers particularly, as his Conduct will probably be governed by these Circumstances. We have ordered good Arms to the Head of Elk and two Pieces of Artillery, with Matrosses to manage them. We are &^ca

P. S. As this Service is to be done in your County and its neighbourhood, we expect you will take the immediate Command. Provisions must be furnished by Col° Hollingsworth. C. C.
Col° Chas Rumsey.

[Gov. Johnson to Washington.]

Annapolis 20th May 1778.

Dr Sir

I received your Letter of the 17th within these few Hours. We had before ordered about 300 Militia, as Guards to the Stores at & in the Neighbourhood of the Head of Elk. In Consequence of your Letter, Orders are already gone to the Lieutent of Cecil to call out a Battalion of that County on the same Service, for three Companies from Baltimore and two from each of the Counties of Kent, Cecil, Queen Ann's & Harford, the Cecil Battalion to be discharged as the Companies arrive. The Orders are larger than your Requisition, to prevent any Inconveniencies from the whole Number not being so prompt as desirable. Two Field Pieces such as we have with thirty two Matrosses are also ordered. Col° Rumsey of Cecil is directed, as soon as he has 400 Men, to advise p 161
Genl Smallwood by Express, who is requested to forward the Information to you, to enable you to give such Orders as you may judge proper. I hope the Orders from hence will be executed with Alacrity and your Intentions take Place.

I am Dr Sir with the greatest Respect

His Excellency Genl Washington &ca

[Council to Smallwood.]

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1778.

Sir.

Mr Gassaway delivered his Letters in the fore Part of the Day. Orders are already given for a Battalion of Cecil Militia to be immediately called out, to be relieved by three Companies from Baltimore, two from each of Kent, Cecil, Queen Ann's & Harford Counties; two Field Pieces with thirty two Matrosses are also ordered. Col° Rumsey is directed, as soon as he has 400 Men, including those already on Duty, to give you Notice by Express and, as the Companies come in, to advise you of it. You will please to transmit such Information immediately to Genl Washington who, from what is wrote to him, will expect it and probably will give Orders to you, grounded on that Information.

We congratulate you on the bright Prospect opening to View. And Are Sir &ca

Genl Smallwood

C. B. Thursday 21 May 1778.

Present as on Yesterday

The Dolphin & Plater are to proceed immediately to Baltimore there receive of Capt. Keeports, the Arms Accoutrements &ca ordered from there and with them to proceed to the Head of Elk and there deliver to Colo Henry Hollingsworth what they may have received at Baltimore. The two field pieces &ca put in the Plater here must be delivered to Major Smith at Balt. as soon as the Arms &ca are delivered these vessels are to return to Annapolis as speedily as possible.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay Lieut, Semmes sixty Dollars the Bounty due to James Garden for the first Regiment

That the said Treasurer Pay to Richard Eaton two pounds thirteen shillings and nine Pence expence in taking up a Deserter as pr Acct passed by A G.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Thomas Dorsey nine pounds for the use of John McDaniel per Account passed by the A Genl and the further Sum of eighty four Pounds, twelve shillings and one penny due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Charles Downes fifty Pounds one shilling to be delivered over to Pat OBryan due him for Waggoning &ca per Accounts passed by the Board of Accts appointed to audit & settle the Accts of the Mila of the E Shore in Consequence of the Invasion 1777

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Woolford Sundry Cloathing on Account of the 3d & 5th Regiments per Lists sent

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Downes Agent for Purchasing Provisions in Queen Annes County four hundred Pounds out of the money remitted by Congress for that purpose to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Burland seventy one pound three shillings & six Pence due per Accots passed by the Aud. General.

C. C. [Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

In Council Annapolis 21st May 1778

Sir.

In consequence of a Letter received Yesterday from Genl Washington, we have ordered a Battalion of your County Militia to be called out as Guards to the Stores 'til they can be replaced by three Companies from Baltimore and two from each of the Counties of Harford, Cecil, Kent and Queen

Ann's. The Service will be short and, we expect, important C. C.
in this View that the Regulars will be disengaged and may act together. We have also ordered a Party of Matrosses. Matthews carries up one hundred Stand of Arms, which you'll receive and deliver to Col° Rumsey's Order; we would not have the Boxes broke, unless the Arms should be wanted. Two of our Gallies are gone below, one of them manned, the other only so as to navigate her, loaded; we are not able to man another as she ought to be, or as would in any Degree answer as a Convoy; we have represented it often and requested some Men from the Delaware, but without Effect. Sensible of the Necessity of forwarding the Provisions we have ordered a Sloop which will carry about 300 Barrels from hence to Potowmack for Shad, without Convoy. From our latest Accounts the Men of War were as low as Hampton p. 162
Road, if there's a good Look out kept, we think small Craft may be prudently trusted to Potowmack. You would do well to inform us where the Corn & Provisions are and in whose Hands that we may, as Opportunities offer, employ our own or other Vessels in the Removal of them. Col° Blaine mentioned Charles Town to us as a proper Place to deliver Stores, in Consequence of it we sent 102 Barrels of Pork there the other Day. We have yet received no Account of the Waggons and cannot give unlimited discretionary Orders, as to impressing them. The Burthen, the most equally divided, will be extreamly heavy, and we wish it to be lessened, by making use of Water Carriage as far as possible. Orders are gone to Baltimore to send 500 Stand of Arms from thence, Cartridges Cartridge Boxes & Flints; on their Arrival, you'll be so obliging as to take Care of them for Col° Rumsey.

Col° Henry Hollingsworth, We are &ca

[Council to C. Rumsey.]

In Council Annapolis 21st May 1778.

Sir

We wrote you yesterday: this goes by the Galley Independence, she carries 100 stand of Arms in Boxes; our Boats will be up soon after her with *600 stand from Baltimore, with Cartridge Boxes, Cartridges & Flints all ordered to be lodged with Col° Hollingsworth, subject to your Orders. You'll have none of the Boxes broke unnecessarily, all possible Care taken of the Ammunition and as the Men are discharged, the Arms collected and packed up again in the same Boxes and every Thing which is left sent back as soon as the Occasion for them is over. To prevent such Loss as too commonly happens, we

C. C. think it advisable for you to appoint a careful, diligent, accurate Person to deliver out and receive in the Arms &ca and keep an exact Acct of his Transactions. We are &c.

Colo Chas Rumsey.

* Memo Only 500 Stand of Arms sent from Baltimore

[Council to Smallwood.]

In Council Annapolis 21st May 1778

Sir

We inclose you two Letters received from Colo Barnes respecting the Conduct of Lieut Menger. We have not gone into an Examination of the Facts alledged by Colo Barnes, as we should not, on the Proof of them have undertaken to dismiss him from the Service, but Capt Fenwick, who is referred to, in his State, confirmed what is said in the Letters. We are much inclined to forward the Business of the Officers and treat them as Gentlemen but are fully in Colo Barnes's Sentiment, that Mr Menger's Conduct deserves Reprehension

Genl Smallwood We are &ca

[Council to W. Haslet.]

In Council Annapolis 21st May 1778.

Sir.

James Robinson, who was by you adjudged a Vagrant,
p. 163 under the late Act, has put in a Remonstrance and Complaint against your Adjudication. From the Papers laid before us, we should have been inclined to set Robinson at Liberty, but for the Suggestion, in your Certificate, that it was offered to be proved on Oath that the Indenture to Mr Keene was entered into to screen Robinson. You properly judged that the Matter turned on that Fact and, if there's any Proof of it, we are desirous of having a Deposition made of it and transmitted to us. In the mean Time we desire that Robinson may not be sent away, but have an Opportunity of examining the Witness or Witnesses who may be sworn to prove the Indentures being entered into for the Purpose before mentioned and on his giving Security to appear here, that he may be at Liberty to prosecute his Appeal. We are &ca

Colo William Haslet
Caroline County.

C. B. Friday 22d May 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James

Ridgeway Thirteen Pounds, six shillings & eight pence due him per Account passed by the A G. C. B.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Col° Stone Three hundred and sixty Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the recruiting Service on Acc^t 1st Reg^t

That the said Treasurer pay to John Caphart one thousand five hundred and twenty six Pounds, twelve shillings and a half penny to be delivered over to Col° John Murdock of Montgomery County due to the Militia of that County under his Command and the further Sum of seven Pounds for the use of Thadeus Beall as per Accounts passed by the Auditor General

That the said Treasurer Pay to Charles Lansdale sixteen Pounds eighteen shillings and four Pence for the use of Adam Lucas and the further Sum of eight Pounds ten shillings and four Pence for the use of James Hawkins per Acc^ts passed by the Auditor General

[Council to J. Davidson.] C. C. p. 163

In Council 22^d May 1778.

Sir

The Voluntary Offer of the Militia of Annapolis to go on the Service requested by his Excellency General Washington, necessary to be performed at and in the Neighbourhood of the Head of Elk, is very acceptabie. You are to proceed with the Company in the Vessel provided for that Purpose to the Head of Elk, where you'll join the other Militia engaged in the same Service and be with them under the Command of Charles Rumsey Esqr Lieutenant of Cecil County. When the Service is ended, which is expected to be very short, you will be discharged, and your Company is to return again by Water, if a Vessel can be hired or pressed for the Purpose. You will be careful to return the Public Arms & Accountrements you receive and we request you will also bring with you the 100 Stand of Arms sent up yesterday in the Independence Galley. Col° Rumsey on your Request, will, we expect, have those 100 Stand put up again, if taken out of the Chests at all, and delivered to you. If, contrary to our Expectation, the Matter should be spun out, we shall take Measures to relieve you.

To Lieutenant John Davidson.

[Council to Washington.] p. 164

In Council Annapolis 22^d May 1778.

Sir.

We have had many Applications from People of this State

C. C. for Leave to go into Philadelphia, some of them want to return again: We have not given Leave to any Body to go in, without Permission from the Officer commanding the Continental Troops at some Post on the Way, nor have we recommended any except Mrs Stewart, Mrs Caldcleugh and Mrs McCall. We were not satisfied of the Propriety of suffering People to be frequently going in, especially to return again and are unwilling to put the Rejection of their Importunities on you, but the Earnestness with which some solicit and its being said that such Favors are frequently granted at Head Quarters, make us desirous of knowing whether you think proper that such Applications, where we have no particular Suspicions, should be promoted by us, and to whom we shall refer them ultimately. It is with Reluctance we request the Favor of a Line on this Subject, and are with every Sentiment of Respect &ca

Genl Washington.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 22d May 1778.

Gent

The Recruits mentioned in the Extract of Parker's Letter inclosed in yours of the sixteenth are, we believe, those carried off by one Sterling a Deserter from one of our old Independent Companies, though the Number exceeds that of which we before had Information A considerable Part of the Recruits were from Sussex and crossed over to Annimessex. Before the Recruits had left the Islands we received Information of what was going forward and immediately gave Orders to our Militia below and Notice by Letter to Colo Simpson that every Effort might be made to stop them, but their Flight on Board was too quick, nor indeed was it well in the Power of the Militia, for Want of armed Vessels, to have prevented their going off, if our Information had been earlier. There is a perfect Coincidence of Governor Henry's Sentiments and ours, as to the Utility and Necessity of Manning our Gallies; our Endeavours have been without any great Effect and, we believe, his have not been very successful. We have hoped for Assistance from the Resolve of Congress, but not a Man has come that we know of: if we could Man our Gallies, they would cut off, or greatly obstruct the Intercourse between the
p. 165 Enemys Ships and the Disaffected in this State and Virginia, prevent or punish the Depredations committed by the Tories on the Bay Craft and facilitate the Transportation of the Stores for the Army. Your Endeavours to have us furnished with some

of those Men who were employed in the Gallies on Delaware, C. C.
would be very obliging and, if successful, much assist the general as well as the particular Interest of Virginia and Maryland. We are &ca

Messrs Duer, McKeen and
Richd Henry Lee, Delegts in Congress.

Saturday 23rd May 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Jonathan Parker eight Pounds eleven shillings Bala of Account due him for going Express to Williamsburgh per Acct passed by the Aud. General

That the said Treasurer Pay to Colo John H. Stone one hundred and twenty Dollars the Bounty of two Recruits enlisted by Capt. Lil. Williams for the 2d Regimt

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Proctor one hundred and one Pounds sixteen shillings & three Pence for work done to the Chester Galley & the further Sum of Seventeen Pounds two shillings for the use of Willm Forepaugh per Accts passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered That the western shore treasurer Pay to Richard Arescott Three hundred Pounds to be delivered over to William Hemsley Esqr Lieut of Queen Annes to be delivered over to the Militia of that County ordered to march & expended to enable them to march to the Head of Elk.

A number of the Inhabitants of the Upper Part of Queen Annes County having represented their being in great Danger from Parties of Tories Commanded by Cheney Clows the said Cheney Clows and his Parties having lately committed several Roberies and taken some of the inhabitants out of their Houses and have therefore requested a small party of Militia to scout in those Parts which is thought necessary and is therefore recommended by the Lieut of Queen Annes County immediately order out any Number of the Militia he may judge proper not exceeding Forty under proper Officers nor for a longer Time than one Month to serve as a scouting Party for the Protection and Defence of the inhabitants in the upper Part of Queen Annes County and the Neighbourhood thereof with Power if necessary to act in the State of Delaware

The Petition of Robert Drake praying to be discharged was thus endorsed

It appearing by the Certificate of William Deakins Junr that the Petitioner was taken up and carried before him as a Vagrant and that on due examination and enquiry he

C. B. Adjudged that Petitioner was not a Vagrant and therefore discharged him accordingly which Adjudication in the Opinion of this Board is and ought to be conclusive in favor of the Petitioner Wherefore the said Petitioner is according to Act of Assembly hereby discharged.

C. C.
p. 165

[Council to T. O. Williams.]

In Council Annapolis 23rd May 1778.

Sir.

Complaint is lodged with us against your Adjudication of Richard Beck as a Vagrant; his Complaint is recommended by a good Many People of the Neighbourhood, some of them very respectable. We are unwilling to discharge any Body without being fully satisfied of the Propriety of doing so; we therefore request you will transmit us the Proofs and Grounds on which you formed your Judgment, as soon as possible.

Majr Thos Owen Williams We are &ca

[Council to W. Hemsley.]

In Council 23d May 1778.

Sir

The Bearer Mr Richard Arescott, will deliver you £300, which we have drawn for the marching Militia. The Company from Annapolis set off this Morning; we hope enough will soon be collected at the Head of Elk to enable Genl Washington to draw the Force under Genl Smallwood, to Head Quarters. We hear, tho' we are not certain of the Truth of it, that Genl Washington has detached 5,000 to the Lines, he much wants his Regulars. You may send your Militia without Arms, we having ordered 700 Stand to the Head of Elk. As Clows is not gone, you may want your Arms. We inclose you an Order to draw out a Scout of Militia and you are to put it under the Direction of what Officers you think proper; if a longer Continuance of the Scout should be necessary, you'll advise us, that we may continue it; you have also an Order inclosed for Provisions, the Bacon had best be used; have an Account taken of what is used & recommend as much Frugality as possible.

William Hemsley Esqr
Lt of Queen Ann's County } We are &ca

Memo Only 600 Stand of Arms sent.

Monday 25 May 1778.

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Samuel Staning eighteen Pounds, one shilling & three Pence due to him per Acc^t Passed by the A G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Wilmot Junr eleven pounds seven shillings and six Pence for going Express to Queen Annes County per Account passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Bullen two hundred & eighty Dollars the Bounty of Recruits enlisted for the first Reg^t

Ordered That the Commissary of stores deliver to John Green Master of the Chester Galley Sundries per List sent

That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury twenty five Pounds, eighteen shillings and six Pence due him per Acc^t passed by the A Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury fifty Pounds on Acc^t

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Jones four thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Col^o Steward Purchaser of Provisions in Somerset County to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Samuel Duvall three thousand one hundred and sixty Pounds ten shillings and one Penny to be delivered over to the Militia of Frederick County under the Command of Col^o Baker Johnson due them whilst in act^l Service per Acc^ts passed by the Aud. General

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. Horatio Clagget four hundred and eighty six Pounds bal^a of Account passed by the Aud Genl and the further Sum of two hundred Pounds on Acc^t for the recruiting Service to be charged to the 3^d Maryland Regiment

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. Horatio Clagget fifteen Pounds for the use of David Crawford per acc't passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt H. Clagget, four thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Thomas Clagget, Purchaser of Provisions in Prince Georges County on Account.

Commissions issued to John Hanson Junr Lancelot Jacques, William Murdock Beall Comard Grosh & Joseph Wood appointed Judges of the Court of Appeals for Frederick County and also to William Winder, John Adams, Thomas Sloss Whitby McClemmy & Henry Jackson Judges of the Court of Appeals for Somerset County.

C. C. [Council to W. Gillis.]

In Council 25th May 1778.

p. 166 Sir.

The Substitutes being entitled to the Bounty of twenty Dollars allowed by the Continent and forty allowed by the State, we intended that under our former Letter, you should advance the sixty Dollars to them as well as to the other Recruits, and we request, you make the Advance accordingly.

William Gillis Esqr } We are &ca
Shff Somerset. }

[Council to G. Dashiell.]

In Council Annapolis 25th May 1778

Sir.

From the Recommendations which Mr Jones brought with him, as well as what we formerly received in his Favor, we should be glad of an Opportunity of sending the Drafts under him if an Appointment should devolve on us, from proper Officers not being drawn or their Refusal and, if that should be the Case we request you'll mention to us such others as you think proper to act as the Officers. We are surprised that Capt Winder should refuse to receive the Substitutes; it was certainly his Duty to have forwarded them; to make the best of it, we request you will send them to Cambridge, in care of some trusty Militia Officer, who must be paid for his Trouble; we shall send a Galley there in a few Days for some continental Tents and other Matters, and she may take the Men immediately to the Head of the Bay, which will be a great Ease to them. We request the Men may be marched to Cambridge immediately, that the Galley may not be delayed. If they get there before her they may if inconvenient to the officer you send to stay, be left in the Care of any of our Continental Officers, who may be there or if none there, in the Care of John Chalmers. We inclose you a Copy of an Act passed the last Session; if there should be Occasion, you are by Virtue thereof and this Order, to call out such of the Militia as you think necessary and most proper, advising us immediately of it. We are &ca

Colo George Dashiell.

p. 167 [Council to T. Clagett.]

In Council Annapolis 25th May 1778.

Sir.

We send you by your Brother the four thousand Dollars as you desire. We have great Difficulties in procuring Craft

for the Transportation of Provisions, the first we can command on that Service, we shall send round to Potowmack, with Orders to take what you have on that River: What lies convenient to Patuxent, had best be sent to convenient Landings there but, if you have an Opportunity, we wish you in the mean Time to hire a Vessel and send forward the Provisions, inclusive of the Pork from Potowmack, addressed to Col° Henry Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk. If we should send a Vessel round at the same Time, there would be no great Disappointment, as she may carry Fish or other Provisions from above or below you. We are &ca C. C.

Mr Thomas Clagett
Piscataway

Tuesday 26 May 1778. C. B.

Present as on Yesterday.

Commissions issued to John Link appd Second Lieut. & Henry Hynes Ensign of Capt. Abraham Haffs Compy also to Balzer Martz Ens. of Capt. N. Whites Compy in the Frederick Town Batt of Militia in Fred. County

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt Segond of Genl Pulaski's Legion three hundred and sixty pounds due him per Acct passed by the AG. and the further Sum of twenty four Pounds due him for enlisting 4 Recruits into General Pulaski's Legion passed by Andrew Buchanan.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt. Balliry fifteen Pounds per Account passed by the Auditor General.

[Council to Col. Harrison.] C. C. p. 167

In Council 26th May 1778

Sir

This will be delivered to you by Lieut Hanson of the Galley Independence; she goes to Cambridge for the Tents, Blankets &ca belonging to the Continent, lodged there and for the Substitutes and Recruits from Somerset, who are expected to be there. We shall be obliged to you to deliver the Goods to Mr Hanson who will transport them to the Head of Elk and there deliver them to Col° Hollingsworth, to be sent forward.

Col° Harrison, Cambridge. We are &ca

[Council to Lieut. Hanson.]

In Council 26th May 1778

Lt Hanson.

You are to proceed to Cambridge, in the Galley Independence and apply to Col° Harrison for the Goods lodged there

C. C. belonging to the Congress, which you will receive and deliver to Col° Henry Hollingsworth, at the Head of Elk. The Blankets, we are informed, belong to Virginia of which acquaint Col° Hollingsworth, that he may dispose of them accordingly. A Number of Recruits are Expected at Cambridge, from Somerset County; you are to carry them to the Head of Elk; if the Recruits should not be at Cambridge sooner, you will wait two Days for them, but not longer. Mr Thomas takes this Opportunity of going over the Bay, you'll set him on Shore at Oxford, or where else he pleases.

Lieut. Hanson.

C. B. Wednesday 27th May 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Armourer deliver to Capt Segond of Pulaski's Corps two Horse Trumpets

Commissions issued to John Bracco, Samuel Chamberlaine, John Stevens, Thomas Sherwood and John Markland appointed Judges of the Court of Appeals for Talbot County and also to Outen Sturgis Thomas Martin Ebenezer Handy, William Morris and Thomas Purnell Judges of the Court of Appeals for Worcester County according to the Act of Assembly.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette twelve pounds, ten shillings per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Logan eleven Pounds due to him per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That Mr Crysall deliver to Capt. Maybury thirty Pound of Candles for the use of the Hospital

C. C. p. 168 [Gov. Johnson to Capt. Ross.]

Annapolis 27th May 1778.

Capt Ross.

You are to proceed with your Schooner to Patowmack Creek in Virginia and there apply for and lade as much of the Continental Pork as your vessel will carry. I do not know whose Care the Pork is under, or I would write to him. You are to take a Memorandum of the Quantity, signed by the Person who delivers it to you; with it you are to proceed to the Head of Elk, deliver it to Col° Henry Hollingsworth or his Agent and take his Receipt. If you should be disappointed in getting the Pork at Pat° Creek, in your Way down, call on Mr Bernard ONeal on Wiccomico, St Mary's County and take in the Provisions he has, or any other Public Stores, so as to

make a Load or as near a Load as you can, taking Acc^ts and delivering them as above. C. C.

Capt Ross. T. J.

[Lord Howe to Washington.] Copy

Philadelphia May 27th 1778

Sir

Having, by a Packet just arrived from Great Britain, received the King's Commands to transmit to the Congress and the Commander in Chief of their Troops, the Copies of two Acts passed this Session of Parliament, for quieting the disorders now Subsisting in these Colonies and preparing the way for the Return of Peace.

I embrace the earliest opportunity to forward the inclosed Copies of those Acts, and of one other Act relating to the Government of the Province, of the Massachusets Bay, for the Information of the Congress thereon; most sincerely hoping this Communication will be productive of the desired good effects.

I am with due Consideration
Sir, Your most obed^t Servant
Howe

Genl Washington
the same to
Henry Laurens Esquire
President of the Congress.

Thursday 28 May 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Robert Reith eight Pounds six shillings & eight Pence due for one Months Att

Commissions of Lre of Marque & Reprisal issued to William Skillirn Master of the Schooner called the Willey & Minta mounting four Carriage Guns navigated with 7 men belonging to Vanbibber & others of Baltimore also to William Yardsley Master of the Schooner called the Johnson mounting five swivels and six Muskets navigated with eight Men belonging to Daniel Bowley and others of Baltimore

Friday 29 May 1778

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to William Thomas six thousand Dollars to be delivered over to John

C. B. Thomas Purchaser of Provisions in Saint Mary's County to be accounted for.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Charles Wallace Paym^r six hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Samuel Gerock One hundred & forty four Pounds for the use of Robert Cassey.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Steven Steward Junr eight hundred pounds to be expended in Purchasing Tobacco for the Genl Smallwood and the further sum of five hundred Pounds on Acc^t to be delivered over to Stephen Steward Senr

On the Letter of William Bordley Esqr Lieut of Kent County dated the 27th Instant and the Information of Capt. Falconer the Bearer thereof. It is ordered that the Lieut. of Kent County immediately order out any Number of the Militia of that County not exceeding forty nor for a longer Time than one Month under proper Officers to serve as a Scouting Party for the Protection and Defence of the Inhabitants against the Tories, who infest the Upper part of Kent and Queen Annes Counties with power if necessary to Act in the State of Delaware.

Ordered That the Purchaser of Provisions deliver to Col^o Bordley of Kent County what Provisions he may think necessary for a Scouting Party of the Kent Militia

That Mr Sterret furnish the Gunner of the Defence with two Barrels Beer.

That the Commissary of Provisions deliver the said Gunner half Barrel of Pork and half a Barrel Beef

That Mr Jesse Hollingsworth furnish the said Gunner with 50 lb flour.

C. C.
p. 168

[Council to W. Bordley.]

In Council Annapolis 29th May 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you an Order to employ a Number of the Militia, not exceeding forty, similar to that issued to Queen Ann: if Voluntiers can be got the better; if the Occasion should cease, you will immediately discharge them. You have also an Order for Provisions for their Subsistance; pray regulate the issuing them in such Manner as to prevent Waste. Frugality is absolutely necessary. We are &^ca

P. S.

Capt Falconer says he understands Theodore Morris, who is said to have been in Philadelphia, is come down to Kent or Queen Ann's County and talks of the Enemy having 25000 Men. It is very improper such people should be suffered to

go about the Country. Pray make Inquiry and deal with him according to Law; if he should be in Queen Ann's, write to Col° Hemsley. C. C.

Wm Bordley Esqr Lt of Kent County.

[Washington to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Valley forge May 29th 1778

Sir

I was last night honoured with your favor of the 22d Inst

Satisfied that an intercourse with Philadelphia would be productive of great disadvantages, I have endeavoured to prevent it, as far as I could; and have not in any instance granted passports for that purpose, but where the parties applying have been recommended, either by some public body or by Gentlemen in whom I had entire confidence; and where the objects of the applications have been materially interesting. Those whom you or the Council shall think proper to recommend, will always meet with a ready indulgence on my part; being convinced, that requests, not founded in necessity or on circumstances of an interesting nature will not be contenanced. The permits must be obtained at Head Quarters, as the situation of the Army might make it expedient on some occasions, to defer granting them for a short time. From the present appearance of things, I flatter myself, we shall not be obliged to use these restrictions much longer, and that we shall be in full possession of the City. Every information leads to this hope, and it is generally imagined that New York, in case of an evacuation will be the first place of rendezvous of the Enemy now in this quarter

I have the honor to be, with great respect

Sir Your Most Obedt Servt

G° Washington

Saturday 30th May 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

On the evidence of James Beck given before this Board on oath it appears that Richard Beck who was adjudged by Major Williams a Vagrant hath Constantly lived with his Mother ever since before Christmas and managed her Plantation and family on a Contract for one year and to have one half of the Crop and that therefore he cannot come under

C. B. the Legal Discription or Idea of a Vagrant It is therefore adjudged that the said Adjudication of Major Williams be void and that the said Richard Beck be discharged.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to John Berryman sixty Dollars due to him for 2 M° Pay the 28th Inst. for taking care of the Defence

Ordered That the western Shore Treasurer Pay to Misael Deaver Thirty three pounds, one shilling and ten Pence, per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

C. C. p. 168

[Council to W. Bordley.]

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1778.

Sir

We request you to carry the inclosed Resolve into Execution, by making Sale, in the most advantageous Manner, of the Sails of the Snow Champion We are &ca

Vide Resolve of the Genl Assembly 28th March 1778.

William Bordley Esqr
Lt Kent County.

Copy

[Sir Henry Clinton to Washington.]

Head Quarters May 30th 1778

Sir.

I am commanded by his Majesty to communicate to the Congress and to the Commander in Chief of their Troops, certain acts of Parliament in favor of America, which have lately received the Royal assent, in consequence of which I have deputed an officer of rank, Colonel Patterson, adjutant General to the Army, under my Command, to have the honor of transmitting to you, Sir, those Bills, with other dispatches from the Kings Commissioner Lord Howe and myself; I therefore desire to know, Sir, at what time and place you will be pleased to receive Col° Patterson upon this important business

I have the honour to be
Sir Your most obedt hum. Servt
Henry Clinton

to
Genl Washington

[Washington to Sir Henry Clinton.]

Head Quarters May 31st 1778

Sir

I had the honor last night to receive your favour of the 30th

Ins^t I am sorry, that I cannot see the necessity of the interview which you propose. If you or Lord Howe have any dispatches for Congress and think fit to transmit them to my care, they shall be forwarded by the earliest opportunity. If you have any of a Military nature for me, for none other can come properly under my consideration, I wish them to be communicated in writing and in the usual way. This will prevent any trouble on the part of Col^o Patterson and must answer, I should suppose, all the purposes you may have in view. Copy

I have the honor to be
Sir Your most obed^t Servant
Geo. Washington

Sir Henry Clinton.

[Secretary Peters to Gov. Johnson.] Original

War Office June 1st 1778

Sir,

The Board have been favored with yours of the 29th Ulto & are concerned at the Information contained in it concerning the disarmed State of the Maryland Troops. We can however hardly credit the Report of so many being destitute of Arms, because if this was the case we should have heard of it before. But how to have remedied the Complaint we should have been at a Loss to determine as our Stock of Arms, as it ever has been at the opening of every Campaign, is lamentably low. No Importations of Consequence have been made tho' we had Reason to expect large Arrivals which the numerous Captures by the Enemy have prevented. We have not been able to repair the Wrecks of the last Campaign in the Article of Arms altho every Effort has been made. Of Course there are Numbers in Camp without Arms as we are informed, but not in so great Proportions by any Means to the Numbers of their respective Divisions as those of General Smalwoods. if your Information is received from Persons acquainted with the Fact. The Board approve of your Excellency's ordering the 15 chests of Arms to General Smallwood; but hope no Jealousy will arise there from among the Officers at Camp commanding Men equally destitute of Arms. There were 700 Hands on the Eastern Shore. Those in the 15 Chests amount to no more according to our Calculation than 375. We thank you for your Exertions in ordering the Stores forward & hope for a Continuance of your Attention to the Stores Tents &c yet behind. The Residue of the Arms & Tents should be sent to Camp to be

Original distributed among the Army in general to prevent Jealousies. We are extremely sorry to trouble you with Matters which ought to be attended to by the proper Officers. But the Necessity of the Case must be our Excuse & your Weight is requisite to oblige the Officers to do their Duty as Matters are circumstanced. As to Provisions our uneasiness is by no Means quieted on that Score. The supplies from the Southward are slow & in Quantity purchased by no Means equal to our Expectations. Congress being informed that the salted Provisions in Maryland & Virginia were spoiling from Want of Care directed the Board to appoint a proper Person to go to the Southward to examine into the Matter & repack such as should want it, have it coopered & fitted for Transportation & forward the whole with all Expedition. Col Aylett writes us he intends to take Advantage of the Bay being cleared & Col Hollingsworth having sent to his Address a Number of Craft from Elk, the Board too having authorized Col Joseph Copperthwaite to execute the Resolution of Congress we hope any other Person's Assistance will be unnecessary. Yet as we do not know how long the Bay may be clear if your Excellency sees any Neglect in the Business the Board will ratify any thing you think proper to order on the Occasion. The Head of Elk is not perfectly safe while the Enemy remain in Philadelphia therefore too many Articles should not be collected there at present. Charlestown is fixed on as a safer Place & it will be best that in future they should go there. One half of General Smalwood's Division is posted at the Brandywine at Chad's Ford to cover the Stores & Provisions & the other has joined the Main Army as you are no Doubt informed.

I have the Honour to be
with great Respect
Your very obed^{t} Servt
Richard Peters
By order

His Excellency
Govr Johnson

P. S. The Board have taken uncommon pains for several Months past to have the Cloathing Tents Arms & Stores on the Eastern Shore brought forward. Mr Lux wrote us he should get them transported to Baltimore but we fear Nothing is done. If there is we know Nothing about it altho we have taken every step to get Information.

C. B. Tuesday 2^{d} June 1778.

Present as on Saturday J. Hindman & Tho Sim Lee Esqr Attended

Commission issued to Benjamin Mackall, William Alnut, Isaac Clare William Lyles & Thomas Holland appointed Judges of the Court of Appeals for Calvert County—also to Solomon Wright, Nathaniel Wright, John Brown Jonathan Hall and Thomas Wright appointed Judges of the Court of Appeals for Queen Annes County C. B.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Peregrine Letherbury One hundred and eight Pounds for the use of Robert Blake and sixty eight Pounds, twelve shillings for the use of James Armstrong per acc^ts^ passed by the Principal Clerk to the Auditor General

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Laypold two hundred & sixty six Pounds, fifteen Shillings & eight Pence farthing and the further Sum of thirty eight Pounds eight Shillings & three Pence due to him per Acc^ts^ passed by the Principal Clerk to the Auditor

That the said Treasurer Pay to Robert Reid one hundred and seventy Pounds due to him according to his Contract with the Governor & Council for Forty Muskets with Bayonets @ £5..10 p^r^ stand deducting therefrom for each stand one pound four shillings for the Barrels found by the Public

That the Sheriff of Frederick County pay to Col^o^ William Beatty One thousand Pounds to be expended in the purchase of Provisions

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Col^o^ Samuel Smith 52 Coats, 36 Blankets 89 pair Shoes & 97 pair Stockings for the fourth Regiment.

Solomon Kinnamon who was enlisted as a Marine in the Chester Galley is hereby discharged from the Service being incapable of Duty from a Sore Leg.

[Council to W. Beatty.] C. C. p. 169

In Council Annapolis 2^d^ June 1778.

Sir.

We have inclosed you an Order on your Sheriff for £1000 Your Accounts very intelligible and formal enough. We think it will be best to send off the Bacon immediately, as it may be used before it spoils; probably it may be wanted at York; you would do well to give the Waggoners Orders to call on the Commissary there and, if he wants it, to deliver it

c. c. to him, taking his Receipt and, if not wanted there, to proceed to Camp with it.

We are &ca

Colo William Beatty }
Fredk County }

[Council to S. Smith.]

In Council 2d June 1778.

Sir.

The Independence Galley is now gone to Cambridge for a Number of Tents belonging to the Continent, to be delivered at the Head of Elk; we also forwarded from the same Place, about three hundred Stand of Arms belonging to the Continent which we designed for the Maryland Troops, understanding none in the Continental Service are more in Want. We shall be obliged to you to contrive that these Arms and Tents, immediately on their being landed at the Head of Elk, be forwarded to the Maryland Division and we request Colo Henry Hollingsworth's Assistance to the Officer you may send on this Business. The Blankets which go in the Galley we understand, belong to Virginia.

We are &ca

Lt Colo Saml Smith.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council 2d June 1778.

Gent

This will be delivered to you by Lt Colo Saml Smith, who promises to take York in his Way on purpose to deliver it. Our giving you this Trouble is occasioned by the repeated Complaint we have, that a great Part of the Maryland Troops are without Arms and many of them almost naked. From what we learn or collect, our Troops have not drawn any Cloathing at all from the Continent. We have strugled all in our Power, but are tired of being taken in for a large share of the Public Expence, which is enhanced too by the Continental Officers overbidding us, and providing separately for our own. We request you to obtain an Order of the Board of War on the Commissary of Cloathing for 1000 Suits of Cloaths and Hats, 2000 Shirts and 1500 Blankets, to be delivered to Mr John Randall, who we have appointed to deliver out Cloathing to our Soldiers and that, if the Articles are not ready, the Order may bind the first that are. We have also sent to Cambridge for a Number of Continental Tents; we have requested Colo Smith to see that they are forwarded

from the Head of Elk and we wish an Order that our Troops should be furnished out of them. Perhaps our not drawing Cloathing and Arms may be owing to Negligence in not making timely Application, we think it ought to be enquired into. C. C. p. 170

The Delegates from Maryland in Congress. } We are &ca

Wednesday 3 June 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Commissions issued to Francis Fairbrother appointed one of the Coroners for Ann Arundel County in the room of Allen Quynn resigned.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Lieut Colo Samuel Smith seven hundred and thirty three Pounds two shillings and six Pence for Linen Purchased by him per Account passed by the Auditor General

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Colo Samuel Smith two thousand five hundred thirty four Pounds seven shillings to be delivered over to Colo Mord. Gist Balc of Account passed by the Aud. General

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. John Boone forty six Pounds ten shillings Amount of Account passed by the Aud Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Brice seventy seven Pounds seven shillings and three pence Balance of Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

[Sir Henry Clinton to Washington.] Copy

Head Quarters Philadelphia
3d June 1778.

Sir

I am directed to transmit to Congress, and the Commander in Chief of their Troops, printed Copies of three Conciliatory acts of Parliament, let me add my most sincere wishes that they may produce the desirable effect which is hoped from them.

I have the honor to be
Sir your most obed[t] & most hum.
Servant
H. Clinton

Gen. Washington
the same to
Henry Laurens Esquire
Presid[t] of the Congress.

C. B. Thursday 4th June 1778

Present as on yesterday

Information having been given to this Board that David Tyler, Ezekiel Meekings and Andrew McCrady joined the British Fleet when in Chesapeak Bay last year and have been with the Enemy ever since till very lately that the said Andrew McCrady acted as a Pilot on board the said Fleet, and that the said three Persons have lately returned again to Dorchester County. Wherefore it is Ordered that the said three Persons be arrested by the Sheriff of any County in which they respectively may be or by any Militia Officer and that they be carried before a Judge of the general Court or brought before this Board that they may be dealt with according to Law.

Commissions issued to Isaac Perkins appointed Lieut Colo William Frisby Major George Hanson Capt, Simon Wickes Capt, Thomas Crow first Lieut, Samuel Beck second Lieut, Philip Davis Capt, William Warrell first Lieut, Samuel Sinnett second Lieut, William Sturges Ens. James Williamson Capt, Morgan Hunt first Lieut of the thirteenth Battalion of Militia in Kent County

Commission issued to Joseph Nicholson James McClean, Samuel Davis Ezekiel Forman and Richard Lloyd appointed Judge of the Court of Appeals for Kent County

C. C. p. 170 [Council to R. Stephens.]

In Council Annapolis 4th June 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you an Order for apprehending Tyler, Meeking and McCrady. If they should have removed out of your County, we would have you send the Order after them, they ought by all Means to be taken up, and are sorry that any Person under their Circumstances should be suffered to be at Large an Hour after their coming back. Search ought to be made too for the Goods you suspect have been brought in by them. We did not expect that any other Continental Goods were at Cambridge, than the Arms sent for by West's Boat, Tents and two or three Casks of Purging Salts and, belonging to Virginia, a few Blankets. You mention in your Letter 112 Blankets, in your Memorandm brought by Lt Hanson 74 Blankets. We wish you had mentioned to whom the Goods belong, that we might have given Orders accordingly, as it is, we are obliged to unlade and store them here, 'til we can discover who they belong to; if you know, write us.

Robertson Stephens Esqr We are &ca

[Washington to President Laurens.] Copy

Valley Forge 4th June 1778

Sir

I take the liberty to transmit you by Express, the inclosed packet, which just arrived at our advanced post by a flag from Sir Henry Clinton. I also transmit a Copy of a Letter I received from him, of the 30th Ult and of my answer, likewise Copies of his and Lord Howe's Letter which came to hand by the present flag. the packet, I presume contains acts Similar to those sent to me I have the honor to be with great respect & esteem

Sir Your most obedient Servt

Hon. Henry Laurens Esqr Geo. Washington

Friday 5th June 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Peter Littig one hundred and seventy nine Pounds fourteen shillings and six Pence due per Acct passed by the A G.

That the said Treasurer pay to James West eighteen Pounds one shilling, five Pounds, and the further sum of Five Pounds due per Acct passed by the A G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Mary Ghiselin forty two Pounds for the hire of her Negro man to work at the Tanyard per Acct passed by the A G.

It appearing to this Board from a Letter of the Board of War dated the first Day of this Instant that there is a pressing occasion for the immediate Transportation of the Provisions purchased in Virginia and this State for the use of the Army. It is therefore ordered that a sufficient Number of the Bay Craft be impressed for the purpose of Transporting the said Provisions to the Head of this Bay and it is requested that any Justice of the Peace issue Warrants for the impressing such Bay Craft for the purpose aforesaid on the Application of Captain Thos Richardson of George Town or Jesse Hollingsworth of Baltimore Town.

Saturday 6 June 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Samuel McPherson two hundred and two Pounds ten shillings due him per Acct passed by the A Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Christopher Edelin Esqr

C. B. for the use of the several Persons the following sums there to annexed viz.

William Miller sixteen Pounds, John Darnall thirteen Pounds two shillings & six Pence, William Brashears Thirty three Pounds, Peter Keeport three pounds five Shillings, Adam Link three pounds ten shillings, Michael Rine seven Pounds ten shillings Nicholas Heldibrand sixteen shillings Charles Turner eighteen Pounds ten shillings, Andrew Grim three Pounds, John Walling ten pounds fourteen Shillings, Peter Brewner nine Pounds Martin Shaup ten pounds ten shillings, Conrad Kemp nine Pounds, Gilbert Kemp twelve Pounds Jerome Plummer two Pounds, Henry Brodebeck thirty three pounds John Harmon Yost eighteen pounds ten shillings, Henry Hawk sixteen Pounds ten shillings Christopher Keeplinger one pound ten shillings John Brewner nine pounds thirteen shillings and nine Pence, James Ogle sixty five Pounds eleven shillings, Lucas Fleck Thirteen Pounds, two shillings and six Pence, John Adlum twenty five Pounds fifteen shillings and five Pence, Roger Nellson three Pounds, Jacob Mattard four Pounds ten shillings, Robert Owen seven Pounds, John Weaver five Pounds, Col° Benjamin Johnson seven hundred and ninty two Pounds, sixteen shillings, amounting in the whole to one thousand, one hundred and forty seven Pounds, sixteen shillings and two pence

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver sundry Cloathing for Lt Col° Smith, Col° Gist and Genl Pulaski Lists sent.

C. C.
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[Circular to Purveyors.]

Circular. In Council Annapolis 6th June 1778.

Sir

A Letter received yesterday from the Board of War makes us still more desirous that the Provisions purchased should be sent forward with all Expedition. We wish you to embrace any Opportunity that may offer; to send any salted Meat you may have, to this Place or Charles Town, or the Head of Elk River, the latter Place to be preferred, or, if no Opportunity offers and you can make out a Boat or Shallop Load, that you'll engage a Vessel on purpose, to carry it to the Head of Elk or, if one cannot be hired that you'll apply to a Magistrate for a Warrant to have one pressed. We are more particularly anxious about the Bacon which we are afraid may spoil before it will be used. Advise us as soon as may be of any Quantity you may send off and to what Place.

We are &^ca

To the Purchasers of Provisions for Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester, Caroline, Talbot, St Mary's and Charles Counties — C. C.

[Prest. Laurens to Howe and Clinton.] — Copy

6th June 1778.

I have had the honor to lay your letter of before Congress & I am instructed to acquaint you that they have already expressed their sentiments upon bills not essentially different from those Acts in a publication of y^rs 22^d April last.

Your Lordship may be assured that when the King of G. B. shall be seriously disposed to put an end to the unprovoked & cruel war waged ag^t these United States Congress will readily attend to such terms of peace as may consist with the honor of independant nations, the interest of their constituents & the sacred regard they mean to pay to treaties. I have the honor to be &^c

The above is a copy
of the letter written by
the President of Congress
to Ld Howe & Sir H. Clinton

Monday 8th June 1778. — C. B.

Present as on Saturday

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to John Fanning Master of the Schooner called the Baltimore mounting four Swivels navigated with six men belonging to Samuel Hughs and others of Baltimore

Ordered That John Berryman deliver to Mr Christopher Hughes the four two or three pounders on board the Johnson with their Carriages all which are to be replaced in a few Days

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to William Molohon Thirty four Pounds seventeen shillings and six Pence for expenses of bringing Recruits from Saint Marys County to Annapolis as per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Rezin Hammond Esqr six pounds five shillings for the use of Thomas Sollars per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

Commission issued to Thomas Grason appointed Commodore agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly passed 21 April last.

C. B. Ordered That Capt. Reid receive from the Indian Landing 500 small Cannon shott leaving an Acc^{t} & Receipt with the Council

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Charles Wells Master of the Brig called the Bantrus mounting six Carriage Guns & six Swivels navigated with eighteen men belonging to William Hammond and others of Baltimore

Original [Delegates in Congress to Gov. Johnson.]

8th June 1778 York.

Sir

Your letter of the 2^{d} instant was put into our hands this morning by Col. Smith, and referred to the board of War. We sincerely wish the State of our cloathing at or near the army may be such as to suffer that Board to give the order in the extent you desire: Col. Smith will receive their answer tomorrow. We hope, and have the strongest reason to believe, our army will never again be exposed to the same inconveniences & distress they have hitherto suffered from the want of cloathing. We understand 8 or ten thousand suits are in the 50 gun ship lately arrived in Virginia, and still larger supplies have arrived at the Eastward.

By all accounts from Camp & Philadelphia the Enemy appear to be on the eve of evacuating that city: it is conjectured they will march thro' the Jersies to South Amboy, where it is said a number of boats are in readiness to carry them over to Staten Island.

War between Prussia & Austria respecting the division of the late Elector of Bavaria's territories by the latest accounts from Europe is much to be apprehended: and Mr Franey informed us that War was certainly declared between Russia & the Porte. The French court had detained all english vessels in their ports in a consequence of a refusal by the Court of London to deliver up an American vessel captured on the coast of France by an english Privateer.

We inclose you copies of letters from Ld Howe's & Sir Henry Clinton's letters to Gen. Washington & to Congress, and our answer: these may be printed if you think proper, and we beg the favor of you to lay them before the Assembly. We are with great respect

Your Excellency's
Most obed^{t} humble Servants
Ch. Carroll of Carrollton
Geo. Plater

Tuesday 9th June 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday. T. S. Lee Esqr Attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Henry Jones, one hundred and fifty one Pounds eighteen shillings per Acct passed by A. G.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Segond of Pulaski's Legion sixty Pounds the allowance on ten Recruits per Acct passed by the A. G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Upton Sheredine nine pounds four shillgs for the use of Andrew Mikesell and four Pounds, four shillings & six pence for the use of Daniel James as per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Richard Barnes seventy six Pounds nine shillings and six pence due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

This Board being informed that James Marr who is enlisted into the Service and his Brother who was drafted in Calvert County (the said James Marr having as it is said obtained a furlough from Sergeant Gordon) have purchased Horses with the Declared Intention of going to Carolina. It is therefore ordered that they be apprehended and brought to Annapolis by any Person who may have an Opportunity of doing it.

Ordered That Capt. Keeports deliver to Capt. Segond of General Pulaski's Legion as many Camp Kettles as he may have occasion for allowing six men to a Mess.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Segond two Drums.

[Circular to Sheriffs.] C. C. p. 171

Circular In Council Annapolis 9th June 1778.

Sir

As the Advances of the Recruiting Money are now pretty well over, we shall be obliged to you to transmit us an Account of the Advances you may have made as soon as you can, distinguishing to whom the Money has been paid, when, and for what Recruits, that we may have this Account setled in Time, to prevent any Loss to the Public

To the several Sheriffs. We are Sir &ca

[Council to G. Keeports.]

In Council 9th June 1778.

Sir

Capt Segond has applied to us for Linen for Shirts and Overalls for the Recruits inlisted in this State for Genl Pu-

C. C. laski's Legion; we are not able to furnish it here nor, probably, shall be 'til our Gallies return with the Linen from below. The Capt says you and Mr Calhoun have Linen if either of you have, we wish these Recruits to be supplied, with those Articles, as the other Recruits of the Quota of this State, charging that Corps separate, for the Convenience of setling Accounts with the Continent.

Capt Geo. Keeports We are Sir &^{ca}

C. B. Wednesday 10th June 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Daniel Munro two Pounds five shillings to be delivered over to John Annis Amount of Account passed by the Principal Clerk to the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Joseph Daffin one hundred Pounds nine shillings and two Pence for the use of Capt. Byas & his Company three pounds twelve shillings due to the Guard at Cambridge twenty five Pounds eleven shillings & eleven Pence due to Capt. Vickars & his Comp^{y} two Pounds five shillings for the use of James Brookshire & two pounds five shillings for the use of John Vincent, as per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Daffin one hundred and forty two pounds eighteen shillings for the use of the Militia on Guard at Cambridge per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Crabb ten Pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Thomas Nicholls Junr ten Pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Thomas Nicholls Senr and ten Pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Joshua Harbin per Certificates allowed by the Aud. General.

Commissions issued to Nicholas Hall appointed Captain of a Company of Militia of which William Brashears was Captain in Frederick County.

C. C. p. 171 [Council to Pulaski.]

In Council Annapolis 10th June 1778.

Sir.

Mr Baldesqui has been so obliging as to deliver your Letter and be the Bearer of this. It is very desirable that the Brig at Baltimore should be employed, but the Claim of her former Owner Capt Stone, has hitherto prevented any Thing being

done with her, she wants expensive Repairs and, as he is prosecuting a Suit at Law, if he recovers the Vessel, the Repairs must go with her. The Assembly desirous of having the Matter setled on the same Principles of Justice as prevail between private Men, gave us special Powers for that End, but Cap[t] Stone's Obstinacy or, at least, his Difference in Sentiment from us, has occasioned him to reject every Proposition we could make for a speedy Decision or eventual Provision. We wish to sell the Brig but, as we would not assure the Title, it is but right to apprise any Person who might be inclined to purchase, of her Circumstances, nor can we advise you, who must be a Stranger to our Rules of Property, to invest your Money in a Dispute which will at least, give you much Trouble. General Count Pulaski's Defence of the Liberties of Mankind in general and his attaching himself specially to the Interests of America, intitles him to our attentive Regard and we should have been happy in having it in our Power to sell him the Brig without any Incumbrances on her; he will justly impute his Disappointment to the cause we have intimated. C. C.

General Count Pulaski. We are Sir &[ca]

[Pulaski to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Sir

As I have a mind to Establish My Legion upon a Solid Condition, I Don't think there is a Better Expedient for that purpose, then to associate all my people together, and to Detach often a Couple Dozens of them at Sundry times for to Go to Sea.

I have several prospect to Execute that project. the first, is to assure of my self of my Soldiers, By the advantage they'll perceive in the said Society, and as Every one of them Shall have a Share according to the money they'll Lay to the mass in the attempt, that I want to make, I Don't Doubt But this will Engage them to Serve with Great deal more Zeal for the public Cause: for that purpose I want to purchase a Vessel, I understood, here Lays a Brigantine which is to be sold By orders of your Excellency. I then Do Send M[r] Baldesqui Bearer of this Letter, to Deal with the persons appointed for that matter, I hope Sir you will be Kind Enough to Befriend me in this project which I am Certain will Become most usefull for the unitate State. I will tell you more about my prospect. I do foresee that the Britons will necessarely be obliged one day, or other to Evacuate this Continent, at that time the marines will Surely be more useful then the

Original Land troops; my Soldiers must then be instructed, Soon, and be Like the Roman troops which were obliged to make their Service Every where.

The Vessel that I intend to have fitted, shall at present be fitted out Like a privateer, But Calculated for to Carry a Great many things Necessary for the want of my Legion, which the Congress don't Chuse to Supply it with, Considering the Great Expenses that would occur upon the Number of my Soldiers.

if I am Lucky Enough to succeed in this first Expedition, I intend with the Benefit of it, to have a frigate Built, and then after, I'll try to do some thing Better. I am most persauded that my Good intentions for your Contry will interest your Goodness for me.

I am with Respect

Sir

Your most humble and
Very humble Servant
C Pulaski Gn[l]

Baltimore June the 10th 1778.

C. B. Thursday 11 June 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col[o] Thomas Dorsey eight Pounds, fifteen shillings amo[t] of Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Brooke Thirty seven Pounds twelve shillings & six pence per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Freeland ninteen pounds for the use of Henry Koonce, Eleven Pounds for the use of Baltis Font, twelve Pounds ten shillings for the use of Nich[s] Hower, nine Pounds sixteen shillings and one Penny half penny for the use of George Bare and Eight Pounds for the use of Matthias Bucky as per Acc[ts] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Abraham Faw two thousand and ninty four Pounds, nine shillings as per acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Abraham Faw seven pounds seven shillings and also the further sum of fifty eight Pounds for the use of Nicholas White per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

On the Petition of Thomas Masslin of Kent County who was drafted to serve for nine Months agreeable to the late

Act. It is ordered that on his procuring an Effective Man to enlist in the Quota of Troops for this State in the Continental Service for three years or during the War discharging this State of the forty Dollars State Bounty and procuring a Certificate from the Lieut of Kent County of his having passed such Recruit that the said Thomas Masslin be discharged from Service under the said Draft. C. B.

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Peire Adelon Master of the Brig Called the La Comptis Denery now in Patuxent River in this State mounting eight Carriage Guns & ten swivels, navigated with twenty five Men belonging to Peire Adelon and others, and also to Robert Brisson Master of the Sloop called the Concord mounting six Carriage Guns and ten swivels navigated by twenty two men belonging to Peire Adelon and others.

[W. Paca to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Dr Sir

I shall be much obliged to you to forward the enclosed by some safe hand to Harford County.

A Mr Rudolph an officer of the Light Horse with a Sergeant paid me a visit a few days ago they were in pursuit of Horses and demanded some of me. Mr Rudolph shewed no Authority from Major Lee to press all horses between Chesapeake & Delaware that would suit for Light Horse. After reading his Authority, I told him if he attempted to seize any of my horses I would blow his brains out and if he did not leave this State or cease to exercise such power I would issue my warrants and commit him to Jail: he declined seizing my horses and gave me to understand his power was only in Ten.

He and the Sergeant went to Talbot & there attempted to seize a Horse but were baffled by a Spirited resistance. They made a like attempt since & Mr Rudolph got a severe whipping. He has since gone off, before he came to me he called at Col Ed Tilghmans & seized a horse of young Neds which he carried off. I knew nothing of it till too late

My love to Charles & family I Am glad to hear that my Brother Judge done his duty

Wye Island Yrs truly
11 June 1778 Wm Paca.

Friday 12th June 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Abraham Faw two Pounds four shillings and six Pence for the use of

C. B. Leonard Lontz, two pound four shillings and six Pence for the use of Adam Boyer and two Pounds thirteen shillings and five Pence for the use of Peter Mimm as ꝑ acc^{ts} passed by the Auditor General

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Hindman six pounds for the use of William Rase per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Gilbert Falconer four Pounds eighteen shillings and six Pence for the use of Evan Jones per Acc^{t} passed by the A. G. and the further Sum of one hundred and fifty five Pounds twelve shillings & eight Pence due him & his Company whilst in service ꝑ pay roll exam^{d} & passed A. G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Allen Thomas one hundred and twenty six Pounds eighteen shillings & six Pence and twenty Pounds eight shillings and three Pence for the use of Richard Bond forty Pounds nine shillings and nine Pence for the use of Capt. James Roach & his Comp^{y} and three Pounds eight shillings for the use of Samuel Abell as per Accounts passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Allen Thomas sixty Pounds twelve shillings and four Pence per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Abraham Faw two thousand Pounds, on Account of the Barracks to be accounted for

That the Eastern shore Treasurer Pay to Col^{o} James Murray four hundred and twenty nine Pounds, eighteen shillings for the use of Capt. Levin Handley due to him & his Company as per Acct passed by the Aud Genl

Ordered that Mr Crysall deliver to Richd Murrow for Danl Jenifer Purchaser of Prov^{r} in Charles County three Bushels of Salt.

By the Advice of the Council Pardon granted to Francis Sanderson who is now in Baltimore Jail under a Prosecution for Treason through the Recommendation of several Officers in the Continental Service.

It Appearing to this Board from the Certificate of Silas Snow and also from the Confession of George Mann lately an Inhabitant of Kent County in this State that he the said George Mann, was in Company with a Party of Men who took the said Silas Snow in the Government of the three lower Counties in Delaware and carried him to the Enemy who afterwards imprisoned him in the New Jail in Philadelphia. You are therefore hereby empowered and directed to receive into your Custody the Body of the said George Mann, herewith sent, and him safely keep in your Prison to answer for Treason against this State, until he shall be discharged

from your Custody in due Course of Law and for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant To the Sheriff of Kent County. C. B.

[Council to D. Jenifer.]

In Council 12th June 1778. C. C. p. 172

Sir

We have sent Richard Murrow in one of the State Boats, to receive what Bacon you have purchased. Should there not be sufficient to load the Vessel, you will be so good as to direct him to the nearest Place where the Provisions are collected, to compleat his Load, provided the Quantity wanting to make the Load, is considerable. We have sent you three Bushels of Coarse Salt, as you requested some might be sent.

We are &ca

Daniel Jenifer Esqr

Saturday 13th June 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

On hearing and considering the petition of Jeremiah Pearle of Frederick County and the Certificate and Affidavit therewith Lodged it is adjudged by this Board that the Adjudication of the aforesaid Jeremiah Pearle's being a Vagrant be and is hereby set aside and he is hereby ordered to be discharged.

Ordered That Mr Crysall deliver to Captain Matthews, 2 barrels of Beef one Barrel of Pork, one Barrell of Beans, one Barrel of flour one Barrel of Whiskey and four Barrels of Bread for the Galley Independence.

Samuel Earley who was taken up in Prince Georges County as a Deserter from the Independent Company heretofore commanded by Major Allen Thomas Appearing on Examination of his Allegations and especially from the Information of Major Thomas, to have been discharged from the Service soon after his Enlistment he is therefore discharged by this Board.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Edward Hagan Fifteen Pounds, fifteen shillings due him per Certa allowed by the Aud Genl

Mr Lloyd from the House of Delegates delivers to the Governor certain Resolves requesting the Governor to give every Assistance in his power to the Purchase of Horses for the use of the Army but that he put an immediate stop to all seizures in Virtue of Authority from the Board of War to Maj. Lee of the Light Dragoon.

C. C.
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[Council to B. Mackall.]

In Council Annapolis 13th June 1778.

Sir.

A Letter received yesterday Evening from Congress, urges us to send forward our Quota of Troops. We request you to send the Substitutes and Drafts for your County, to Annapolis as soon as you can. From hence we shall send them to the Head of the Bay, by Water, it will expedite and much ease them.

We are &ca

Colo Benja Mackall.

[Council to B. Matthews.]

In Council 13th June 1778.

Capt Matthews.

You are to proceed in the Independence Galley to Chaptico Warehouse on Wiccomico River and receive of Capt John Thomas, who lives within a Mile of it, the Provisions that he has purchased, and call on your Way down at the other Landings on Patowmack, where he may have lodged any, and receive that also. If the Galley will, as we expect take more than Capt Thomas has, of which you and he can judge, take so much of the continental Provision at Llewellins Warehouse in the care of Mr ONeal, as will about make up your Load. You are to proceed to the Head of Elk with the Provisions as soon as you well can, just calling in the Mouth of this River in your Way.

Capt Bennett Matthews.

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[Circular to County Lieutenants.]

Circular In Council Annapolis 13th June 1778.

Sir.

We received a Letter yesterday from Congress, urging us to forward our Quota of Troops to Camp. We request that you will send forward to General Smallwood's Camp, any Recruits, Substitutes or Drafts who may yet be behind of the Proportion of your County with all Expedition, and furnish us with a List of the Men from your County, advising us whether it is necessary to appoint Officers for the Drafts, agreeable to the Act of Assembly

We are &ca

To the Lieuts of
Kent, Somerset, Dorchester,
Talbot, Queen Ann's, Worcester,
Caroline and Cecil Counties

[Council to H. Hooper.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 13th June 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you a Paper presented to us by Molly Scott, who adds in her Relation, many further Circumstances of Oppression and Hardship on her Brother Edward Scott, beyond what is contained in the written Application. The Story is rather too long for a Letter and would be tiresome to repeat to you: She has brought Nothing to evince the Truth of what she alledges, and indeed it ought to be well proved, before a Conduct so improper can be believed to have been held by Capt Eccleston. Yet Sir, desirous of having the Truth investigated and Relief granted, if it is due; we request you to inquire into this Complaint and if you perceive there's any Foundation for it, that you will take the Trouble to have Scotts Case fully stated and Affidavits to the Truth of the Facts taken and that you will transmit to us the Whole, so that we may discharge him or procure him to be discharged, if he is entitled to it. The Difficulty of having the Witnesses here to go into a proper Examination ourselves, will apologize for our requesting you to take this Trouble.

We are &ca

Colo Henry Hooper.

Monday 15th June 1778. C. B.

Present as on Saturday except, E. Lloyd Esqr.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt. James Mullican nine Pounds six shillings & eight Pence due to him and part of his Company per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Stringer six pounds for Waggon hire per Certa allowed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Clark of the 3d Regiment, Cloth for a Suit of Cloaths.

[Council to B. Mackall.] C. C. p. 173

In Council Annapolis 15th June 1778.

Sir.

We wrote you the 13th in answer to yours of the 10th Inst We are desirous of sending forward the Quota of this State to which we are pressed by Congress. The Act enables us to appoint, with the Officers who are drafted and march, not more than one to twenty five Men. Whether we can com-

C. C. mission Mr Johns or not for this Service, will depend on what Officers go with your Drafts; from the character given him by Colo Hartley we are much inclined to send him with the Drafted Militia, or promote him in some other Way. We wish you to forward the Men as soon as you can, and are

Sir &ca

Colo Benjamin Mackall.

p. 174 [Council to Gist.]

In Council Annapolis 15th June 1778

Sir.

We have Shoes and Stockings in the Store here; the Number you write for shall be sent. We have no Blankets or Hats, the 106 of the former and 95 of the latter, we request you'll purchase, though £5 a Blanket, we think a high Price. If there are more Hats than the 106 you want, advise us, and we will, if good, purchase and send them forward. Mr Bullen has 44 woollen Coats, to which he can add 10 of Linen to make up the 54 you want; he has got 90 Linen Vests and 46 Woollen Vests, they shall be sent with what Shirts are ready, about 60 or 70; if you can purchase Linen to make up the Remainder of the 154 Shirts wanting, at or under 20/, we wish you to do so, but we hope the Men are not so bare that they must be kept back for the 80 or 90 Shirts deficient. A late Letter from Congress, is very pressing to send forward the Men and we hope and desire that those at least who are cloathed with what is mentioned above may not stay for those, if any, who may be in Want of Shirts. Our Gallies are not yet come up with the Linen they went for; as soon as we get it, it will be made up and sent to the Camp.

We are &ca

Colo Mordecai Gist.

C. B. Tuesday 16th June 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

William Stevenson a Native of this State who hath long resided in Great Britain and is now lately that is to say within three Months last past returned into this State appeared before the Governor and Council and before them did take repeat and Subscribe the Oath of Fidelity and support to this State contained in the Act entitled an Act to Punish certain Crimes and Misdemeanors and to prevent the Growth of Toryism.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Samuel

Hughes Esqr five hundred and seventy Pounds and nine Pence due for repairing Fort Frederick per Acc^ts passed by the Aud. Genl C. B.

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Stewart one thousand and forty six Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence and also the further sum of one hundred & sixty eight Pounds, seventeen shillings for the use of Lux and Bowley per Acc^ts passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Slade seventeen Pounds per Acc^t passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. Benjamin Brookes sixty Pounds and the further Sum of fifteen Pounds due him per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Joseph Sprigg Eighty six pounds for the use of Isaac Cooper & the further Sum of two Pounds one shilling and eight pence for the use of Mark Beatty per Acct^s passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Com^r Mills seven pounds per Acc^t passed by the A. G.

Commission issued to William Dare appointed first Lieut. of Capt. Frederick Skinners Com^y of Militia in Calvert County

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Jacob Young thirteen pounds ten shillings to be delivered over to Shoaf Thomas, five Pounds for Leonard Sturm, two Pounds fifteen shillings for John Carnone, Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings for Basil Johnson, Three Pounds seventeen shillings & six Pence for Mary Denwoolf, Three Pounds for Saml Magruder, nine pounds six shillings for Jacob Lease four Pounds ten shillings for Jacob Tyler and Thirty seven Pounds, five shillings for Powel Larham per Acct^s passed by A. G.

[Council to Smallwood.] C. C. p. 174

In Council Annapolis 16th June 1778.

Sir.

James Mason the Bearer of this of the second Maryland Reg^t has called here on his way to Camp and solicited a Discharge from the Service; he says that he was inlisted in Watkings's Company and has received no Bounty or since inlisted, that Col^o Price agreed, if he would procure another Man to inlist in his Stead, that he would discharge him and that, accordingly, he procured one William Norton to inlist in his Stead, for which he gave him £5; That notwithstanding he, as well as Norton, have served ever since, and that Capt

C. C. Brown of the Artillery is acquainted with those Facts and that you would have discharged him, but that you did not look on it that you could, properly, as he was only inlisted in the State Service. We request, if Mason's State is made appear to you to be true, that you will discharge him and you are hereby impowered to do so; if the Allegations are true, Col° Price has acted very improperly

We are &ca

General Smallwood

C. B. Wednesday 17th June 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Athanasius Ford nineteen Pounds six shillings and three pence per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay Jacob Young four Pounds ten shillings for the use of Jacob Arent for a Gun per Acct passed by the A Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Elisha Williams eleven Pounds for the use of Benjamin Girten per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Jones one hundred and ten Pounds six shillings and five Pence for the use of John Rodgers & his Company one hundred and forty two Pounds nine shillings and two Pence for the use of Charles Baker and his Compy and eleven Pounds seventeen shillings and nine Pence for the use of Lieut Edward Bussey & his Company as per Pay rolls examined and Passed by the Auditor General

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Jones sixty Pounds due to him for enlisting ten Recruits per Acct passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Benson Stainton one hundred and eleven Pounds for the use of William Ritch per Acct passed by the A G.

Tbat the said Treasurer Pay to Michal Fields sixty Dollars due him as Bounty he having been enlisted in Saint Marys County.

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Orrick three Pounds for the use of James Scott due per Acct passed by the Aud Genl

Samuel Hanson Junr second Major of the twenty sixth Batt of Militia in Charles County resigns his Commission which is accepted off by the Governor & Council

On Examination of Thomas Seon, who Appears by his own Confession to have been an Ensign in the fifth Regiment of

the British Troops and to have lately come out of Philadelphia, C. B.
having as he says resigned his Commission in the Month of June 1777. This Board not being satisfied that he is not now in the British Service and on some evil Design travelling about this State and being of Opinion that the Truth of his Case may be better enquired into in the Neighbourhood of Philadelphia, especially of General Irvine, Col° Marbury of Maryland or Major Giles to whom he refers for a Knowledge of his Situation in Philadelphia should be released. It is ordered that the said Thomas Seon be Kept under Guard til some of the Recruits are sent from hence and that he be sent in Charge of the Officer who may go with the Recruits to the Camp where he is to be delivered to the proper Officer with this Commitment in Order that due Inquiry may be made.

[Council to Gist.] C. C. p. 175

In Council Annapolis 17th June 1778.

Sir.

John Drummond complains that Capt Samuel Griffith enlisted his Son Hugh only fourteen years old next Valentine's Day. He says his Son is a very weakly Lad and Subject to Fits, and that he was carried away without being passed by a Field Officer. Lads under 16 years old ought not to be inlisted without the consent of their Parents. We wish you to enquire into this Matter and, if the Boy is under 16, we request you to discharge him, on his paying the Money he has received back to you, for which you'll give Credit. If Griffith has not been paid the £6, he ought not to receive it and, if he has received it, he ought to return it.

We are &ca

Col° Mordecai Gist.

Thursday 18 June 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Gabriel Williams a Substitute from Saint Marys County for nine Months is discharged he having procured James McBride to serve in the Continental Army for the Term of three years and having paid him the Sum of eighty Dollars in which the State Bounty is included

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Messersmith Three hundred and forty pounds, four shillings and nine Pence due him one hundred and twenty four Pounds, eighteen shillings for the use of Matthias Messersmith, and

C. B. Thirty seven Pounds, sixteen shillings for the use of Andrew Scott as per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Lieut Edward Wright of the 7th Reg[t] forty two Pounds due to him per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Calhoun one thousand eight hundred and eighty six Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence Am[t] of Acc[t] passed by the A G.

That the said Treasurer Pay Daniel Bryan ninty one Pounds and six Pounds six shillings & three pence Am[t] of Acc[t] passed by the Principal Cl. to the A G.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Joel Higginbottom of the Galley Independence 7 yds Linen and one pair Shoes.

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[Council to J. Johnson.]

In Council Annapolis 18th June 1778.

Sir.

This (Copy of the Letter of the 3[d] Ap[l] 1778) is the fifth Copy of the foregoing; we hope some of the former have reached you. It is not unlikely that the Change in our Affairs may enable you to ship the Goods on a reasonable Freight in several Vessels to this Bay, insured if you can, it is the most desirable, but, by all Means, divide the Articles, so that some of each may be in several Bottoms.

We are &[ca]

M[r] Joshua Johnson.

C. B.

Friday 19th June 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Henry Ridgely Nine Pounds for Waggon hire ꝑ Cert[a] allowed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Smoot three Pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence for the use of Edward Pritchart, seven Pounds two shillings for the use of Thomas Marshall and four Pounds seven shillings and ten pence for the use of Jacob Staten per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That M[r] Crysall deliver to George Piercy half hhd Whiskey for the Galley Conqueror.

Commissions issued to Charles Dickinson, Richard Mason Benson Stainton, Nathaniel Potter and Mathew Driver appointed Justices of the Orphans Court in Caroline County.

Saturday 20 June 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Eastman & Neth one hundred and twelve Pounds ten shillings due them per Acct[s] passed by the A Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Captain Benjamin Morgan twenty one pounds, fourteen shillings and two Pence per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Doct. Phil Thomas thirteen pounds five shillings for the use of Daniel Buzzard, fifteen pounds for the use of Issabella Richardson, twenty four pounds for the use of Jeremiah Stokes and fifteen Pounds ten shillings for the use of Will[m] Cunns per Acc[ts] passed by the A G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Amos Alexander Esq. five hundred pounds to be delivered over to Richard Bond of Cecil County on Acc[t]

The Governor and Council in Virtue of and According to the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 21st Day of April last hereby appoint John Muir of the City of Annapolis to be Commissary of Stores.

Commissions issued to John Stull, Joseph Sprigg, Samuel Hughes, Henry Schnebely, Joseph Chapline, John Barnes, Richard Davis, Andrew Bruce, Andrew Rench, William Yeates, Lemuel Barrett, Christopher Cruse, John Celler and Charles Prather appointed Justices of the County Court for Washington County.

Commission issued to John Stull, Joseph Sprigg, Samuel Hughes, Henry Schnebeley and John Barnes, appointed Justices of the Orphans Court for Washington County.

The Governor and Council taking into their Consideration the price of Provisions obtained from the Inhabitants of this State in Virtue of the Act entitled "An Act for the Service of the United States" and the Information they have been able to obtain as to the Prices given by the Continental Purchasers do think it just and proper to regulate and therefore do hereby, by Virtue of the Power and Authority with which they are invested by the "Act for enlarging the Powers of the Governor and Council" Regulate the Price of the Provisions already Purchased or otherwise obtained or which shall be purchased or otherwise obtained from the Inhabitants of this State by the Purchasers of Provisions in the several Counties in Virtue of the said Act for the Service of the united States in common Money as follows to wit for live Steers or any other Cattle fatted one shilling & four Pence by the Pound Hides and Tallow included as a fifth Quarter; for Salted Pork in Barrels containing 220 Pounds weight of good cured Pork twenty

C. B. two Pounds per Barrel and so Pro rata for such Pork in any other Package and for good Bacon well cured three shillings & six Pence per pound.

C. C. [Circular to Purveyors.]

p. 175 Circular In Council 20th June 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you our Regulation of the Prices of Provisions. In the Power given us by the late Act, we have made the Advances of the Prices to the Inhabitants only under the Idea that they were obliged to part from their Provisions at the limited Prices. If Purchases have been made by you out of the State or Provisions have been brought in with a View to sell to you at the Prices allowed, as in such Instances the Profit was the Motive to the Contract and the compulsory Provisions of the Act could not in any Degree have influenced the Seller, we do not intend there should be any Addition to the Price you agreed for. Wherever the Addition ought to be made, we wish you to do it soon, that the same Justice as is due may be done to all and the whole Accounts setled as soon as may be. Hoping and believing there is no immediate Occasion for further Purchases, we request you will not make any without further Orders from us, but as there will probably be great Quantities wanted for salting in the Fall, it will be well to give the People Notice that they may increase their Quantities, especially of Pork, as much as they can and that proper Measures will be taken in Time, to give them an equal and generous Price. We are pressed by the Congress to send forward all Provisions collected in this State; any that may remain with you, we wish you to send to the Head of Elk, to Colo Henry Hollingsworth.

We are &ca

p. 176 Add to Harford

But if you have any request from Colo Hollingsworth to lodge the Provisions you have purchased at any other Place, you'll do so. What you purchased for this State, we wish you also to forward for the Continental Use, as it will save Expence and Damage in Carriage.

To the Purchasers on the Eastern Shore and to Ann Arundel, Harford & P. George's—All but the Clause from "We &ca" to the other Purchasers on the Western Shore

[Council to D. Yeates.] C. C.

In Council 20th June 1778.

Sir

As the Provisions you were so obliging as to purchase for the State, are in a convenient situation to be sent forward for the Use of the Army; we request you will send them to Colo Henry Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk, of whom take a Rect which be pleased to transmit to us.

We are &ca

To Colo Donaldson Yeates
Kent County

[Washington to Prest. Laurens?] Copy

20th June 1778 4 o'clock P. M.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have now advanced with the main body of the army within ten miles of Coryel's ferry, & shall halt to refresh the troops & for the night as the weather is very rainy. Gen. Lee with the 6 Brigades mentioned in my former letter will reach the ferry this evening. My last accounts from Jersey were from Gen. Dickinson dated yesterday at 3 o'clock P. M. These say the Enemy had then advanced to Eyres Town 3 miles below Mount Holly & were busily engaged in repairing the bridge, which had been destroyed. Gen. Dickinson adds that there had been a brisk firing for some minutes between the Enemy & Maxwell's brigade or a part of it in their advance, in wh the former according to the report of a Deserter had several killed. He further says the Militia had been alarmed of their approach were in good spirits & that he expected to be tolerably strong I have this minute written him by express requesting him to acquaint me with their & his own situation what number of men he has already collected, & what further augmentations he expects to receive I have the honor to be

&c

George Washington

Monday 22d June 1778. C. B.

Present as on Saturday, except T. Sim Lee Esqr

Edwd Lloyd Esq Attended

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Joshua Pumphrey three pounds fifteen shillings for riding Express from Baltimore

C. B. That the said Treasurer Pay to George Dyer eight Pounds thirteen shillings and one penny half penny due to him per Acc^{t} passed by the A G.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Liden ninty-five Pounds per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud Genl

Joseph Moore a Substitute from Saint Marys County appearing to this Board to be altogether incapable of Service is hereby discharged therefrom

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Thomas Stiles Master of the Schooner called the Beggars Benison mounting four Swivel Guns navigated by seven Men belonging to John Craig, Hugh McBride William McBride and Charles Phillyshill

The following Recruits, Substitutes, and Vagrants sent from Camp by General Smallwood as unfit for the Service some discharged others retained

Thomas Bounds a Recruit from Montgomery County enlisted by Basil Roberts is Discharged on his returning the sixty Dollars Bounty & Paying ten Pounds for the Cloathes he received into the hands of Col^{o} Griffith, who is requested to receive it and give Credit to the Public

Paul Hutton from Montgomery County retained & sent on board the Galleys

Hardman Swink from Cecil retained & sent on board the Galley

Thomas Patterson from Prince Georges, John Jones from Montgomery

James Hanary Vagrant from Frederick, Patrick McAvoy from Frederick retained and sent on board the Galleys. Richard Warren from Harford Nathan Howard from Kent, Samuel Boyd of the third Maryland Reg^{t} from Chester County Pennsylvania enlisted by Ens. Jones, Patrick Crawley from Frederick, taken up as a Vagrant belongs to York County, William Evans from Queen Annes enlisted in Baltimore Town by Richard Cockran, Nicholas Moss a Substitute from Frederick Town, John Olden from D^{o} William Ritchie from D^{o} of York County Pennsylvania, a Substitute for the War, Blind, John Dodson from Ann^{l} a Recruit Fits, Joseph Jones from Harford, Idiot, James Kelley from Washington, William Finney a Substitute from Dorset, Blind and William Stevens a Subst. for Vachel Hammond Frederick County are discharged

Commissions issued to John Collyberger appointed Capt, Peter Cline first Lieut, Alexander Moor second Lieut, Martin Mikesell Ens. Samuel Gandy Ens. of Capt. Meridiths Comp^{y} Andrew Biddle first Lieut, Nicholas Fringer second

Lieut Christ° Ulrey Ens. of Capt. Winchesters Comp^y Henry C. B.
Miers Capt. Jacob Gramer first Lieut, Frederick Rease second Lieut, John Towney second Lieut, John Stinson Ens of Capt. Barrs Comp^y Geo. Beckwith Capt, Richard Warfield first Lieut, John O'Neal second Lieut, Jon^a Wood Ens. Michael Tawney second Lieut, James Boulton Ens. of Capt. Pebbles Comp^y Geo Gobble Capt, Andrew Eppard first Lieut John Crouse second Lieut, Thomas Monohan Ens. belonging to the Linganore Batt. of Militia in Frederick County also to Evan Baker Capt, Josiah Price first Lieut, Thomas Warley second Lieut, Andrew Potterf Ens Griffith Johnson Capt. Jeremiah Willison first Lieut Andrew Dew second Lieut William More Ens Charles Clinton Capt, Dickerson Simpkins first Lieut, John House second Lieut Daniel Cresap Capt. Samuel Hubbs first Lieut, John Hench second Lieut belonging to the third or Western Battalion of Militia in Washington County also to Joseph Smith Col° Charles Swearingen Lieut Col° Christ° Orendorf Maj. James Smith Capt. Robert Smith first Lieut, Christian Eckle second Lieut Peter Melott Ens. John Rennolds Capt, Christopher Orendoff Junr first Lt William Walker second Lieut, Joseph Rennolds son of John Ens Conrad Nichodemus Capt. Martin Billmire first Lieut, Michael Closser second Lt Peter Swank Ens. George Swingle Capt. Nicholas Mourer first Lieut John Hahn second Lieut, Thomas Carter Ens, Basil Williams Capt Joshua Barnes first Lieut, Zephaniah Spires second Lieut, Zadock Williams Ens. Jeremiah Spires Capt. Amos Davis first Lieut, John Fowler second Lieut Lacon Dorsey Ens. James Walling Capt. James Patterson first Lieut John Rutter second Lieut, Perry McCoy Ens, John Funk Capt. Henry Yost first Lieut, George Sharrer second Lieut, John Wagoner Ens. Joseph Chapline Capt James Chapline first Lieut, Thomas Crampton second Lieut. James Stewart Ens. belonging to the second Batt of Militia in Washington County also to Thomas Bouldin Junr Captain in the room of Capt Brevard Samuel Hutchinson first Lieut, Noble Veazey second Lieut, Noble Beedle Ens. Sinclair Lankaster Capt in the room of Capt. Ford, Robert Hodgson first Lieut, Hyland Price second Lieut, Slyter Bonchill Ens. Benjamin Porter first Lieut, Jesse Comyges second Lieut, James Wroth Ens. of Capt John Ward Veazeys Comp^y Joshua George Major belonging to the Bohemia Batt of Militia in Cecil County

By the Advice of the Council, Pardon granted to William Smoot late of Charles County, now in the Service of the United States.

Thomas Duvall of Prince Georges County a Draft from the

C. B. Militia for nine Months agreeable to the late Act of Assembly, having procured Thomas Beall son of Thomas to enlist into the Service for nine months in his stead, he is therefore discharged

Commissions issued to Edwd Gale appointed first Lieut Jacob Mytinger second L^t and Benj. Johns 3^d L^t of Capt Campbells Comp^y of Matrosses in the service of this State.

C. C.
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[Council to J. Beall.]

In Council Annapolis 22^d June 1778.

Sir

We are informed that Christopher Beall, whom you sent hither as a Deserter, John Wilson, Charles Jennings and Robert Orme Drafts from your County, have gone home again. We have sent Mr Gordon after them and request you to give him any necessary Assistance.

We are &^ca

Joshua Beall Esqr L^t
of Prince George's County

Original

[Robert Alexander to Gov. Johnson.]

Pomona Brig off of Rheedy Island
Delaware Bay 22 June 1778.

Sir

The Intamicy that once subsisted between us will I expect, justify the Liberty I now take of addressing you a Line, tho' the Subject respects myself alone I am exceedingly anxious to return to my Country from motives which your own feelings will readily suggest but Prudence forbids me to take this step without some assurance of my personal safety you well know my sentiments and Conduct in the publick Affairs of America, and appealing to him, who is the Searcher of all Hearts, I can with Truth affirm, I still retain the same Opinion

The favor I have at Present to ask is that of a Letter informing me of the Terms, on which Persons in my situation may return; should this be inconsistent with the publick Character, you fill; I think there are some Gent of my Acquaintance, to whom if they were made known, they would be communicated to me if they are such, as are not inconsistent with the feelings of a man of Honor, I shall most readily embrace them, and return immediately to my Country my Family and Friends; at present I am bound to New York,

where I have some Business entirely of a private nature to settle with Mr Charnier I propose to return from thence in a Flag of Truce, should you write me, may I request to be inform'd, if it would be improper to bring with me in the Flag, some Articles for my Family of which they must be greatly in want. Original

I am with Respect
Your most Ob^dt^ Servt
Robt Alexander

Tuesday 23 June 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Randall Eight Pounds for Waggon hire per Acc^ts^ passed by the Aud Gen^ls^ Principal Clerk

That the said Treasurer Pay to Upton Sheredine one pound ten shillings per Account passed by Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Murray ten Pounds per Acc^t^ passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reid one hundred and sixty nine pounds three shillings and nine Pence per Acc^t^ passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Theophilus Marshall twelve pounds twelve shillings per Acc^t^ passed by the Aud Genl

Mr. Sheredine from the House of Delegates deliver to the Governor a Resolve of the House of Delegates respecting the Justices of Talbot County and a Resolve of the General Assembly respecting the Public Records

Commissions issued to Robert Douglass appointed second Lieut & John Sybert Ens. to Captain Samuel Hughes's Comp^y^ in the first Batt of Militia in Washington County

Wednesday 24 June 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Col^o^ Moses Rawlings one thousand Dollars for the purpose of Recruiting our Part of the Rifle Battalion.

That the said Treasurer Pay to George Dyer eighteen pounds twelve shillings and two Pence per Acc^t^ passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Benjamin Morgan eighteen Pounds ten shillings and eight Pence per Acc^t^ passed by the Aud Genl

Commissions issued to Matthias Traverse appointed Capt. John Traverse first Lieut, Philip Ferguson second Lieut, John

C. B. King Ens. John Todd Capt. James Davis first Lieut, Michael Todd second Lieut, Reubin Andrews Ens. Timothy M^c^Nemara Capt John Stewart M^c^Nemara first Lieut, Charles Johnson second Lieut, John Kirwan Ens. Henry Lake Capt. Levin Willin first Lieut. Luke Robinson second Lt John Todd Ens. of Militia in Dorchester County.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Sergeant Mark M^c^Pherson of the first Regiment 2 Shirts, 5 pair Shoes 3 p^r^ Stockings, 6 pair Overalls and 3 Coatees for the use and to be charged to said Regiment

Richard Burch a Draft from Charles County discharged unfit for the Service Death Warrants issued for George Crows late of Baltimore County for Burglary and William Clarke of said County for Fellony

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[Council to A. Faw and Others.]

In Council 24th June 1778

Sir.

If you should have any Linen left, after supplying the Recruits raised in your County, you will be pleased to let Col^o^ Rawlings have so much as he may want for the Rifle Corps, taking his receipt for the same

We are &^ca^

To Abraham Faw, Col^o^ Richd Davis & Henry Schnebeley Esqr

[Council to D. Hughes.]

In Council 24th June 1778.

Sir.

Col^o^ Rawlings informs us there are about Ten of the Substitutes for Washington County to march. We request you will permit these Men to go into his Corps, by which Means, we hope he will be able to discharge the Militia engaged in guarding the Prisoners at Fort Frederick

We are &^ca^

Danl Hughes Esqr L^t^ of Washington County

[Council to Smallwood.]

In Council Annapolis 24th June 1778.

Sir.

By the inclosed Act you'll see that the drafted Militia are to be under the immediate Command of the drafted Militia

Officers; the returns not being near compleat nor, in all Cases, so distinct as we could wish, we cannot ascertain the Number of Men who go under the Character of Drafts, but, from what we have seen, we perceive that an over Proportion of Officers are among them. Capt[t] Williamson and Lieu[t] Dare from Calvert, Lieu[t] Morgan, who you appointed Brevet Captain last Campaign, from S[t] Mary's and Lieu[t] Dyes, from Prince Georges, go up now with the Recruits, Substitutes and a Few Drafts. We do not know how many there will be in the Whole, but suppose not more than one Company, and probably, with the others there may also be some Officers. We feel much Embarrassment under these circumstances as we imagine several of them will be supernumerary Officers and have little to do in Camp, and sending them home from hence might occasion much uneasiness in their Neighbourhoods on their Return. We have therefore concluded that they shall proceed and wish you, as soon as you can have a comprehensive View of the Subject and its Circumstances that you will retain them or such of them as may be useful in their Station or any other that may suit with their Inclination, or if you see that they cannot render the Service they wish, that you would discharge them. Inclosed you have a Copy of the Resolution of the General Assembly respecting Gen[l] Count Pulaski's Legion, by which we understand he is on the Footing, in this State, with the Maryland Regiments. We shall, if we find he has any men who were attached to the Regiments, endeavour to have them restored. Our Exertions to equip our Men have not fully succeeded. We have endeavoured to get Assistance from the Continental Stores, but do not know whether we have succeeded; we wish you to second our Instances, especially for Blankets, they are not to be had here and nothing but the strongest Impressions of sending the Men forward without could have induced. We run too great Risk of the Loss of many of them. Could you not spare an Officer of a proper Temper to teize the Cloathier General perpetually? We think, a good Dunn could not be more usefully employed.

C. C.

Gen[l] Smallwood. We are &[ca]

[Council to C. Williamson.] p. 178

In Council 24th June 1778.

Sir.

Lieutenant Johns informs us that there is a young Fellow Basil Hellen a Draft from Calvert, an exceeding good Drummer and is willing to enter into the State Service for

C. C. three years and that you are willing that he should enter. As a Drummer from the Train of Artillery deserted some Time ago was taken up in Wilmington and, as we have understood, is in the Continental Service; we request you will discharge the young Fellow, on his enlisting in the Service of the State for three years, in Place of the above Deserter.

We are &ca

Capt Charles Williamson

C. B. Thursday 25 June 1778.

Present as on yesterday except Danl Carroll Esqr

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Brewer one Pound three shillings and six pence per Acct passed by the A Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry L. Massey eighty six Pounds sixteen shillings and three Pence due to him and the Hands of the Boat Amelia per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith ninty six pounds five shillings and the further sum of Thirty one pounds and one Penny due him per Accts passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Green twenty four Pounds ten shillings for the use of Doctr George Robinson per Acct passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to George Evins a Recruit for the Term of three years procured by Robert Orme from Prince Georges County a Draught for Nine Months sixty Dollars

That Mr Crysall furnish Capt. Massey with 15 Gallons Whiskey for the Boat Amelia

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Richard Sappington Surgeon Assistant to the 3d Regt Sagathy for a Coat Linen for two pair Breeches two Waistcoats two Shirts and one pair Shoes.

Commissions of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued Jonathan Parsons master of the Sloop called the Fly mounting two Swivel Guns navigated by six men, belonging to Samuel & Robert Purviance and others of Baltimore also to Henry Geddis master of the Schooner called the Savage mounting four Carriage Guns & four Swivels navigated by twelve men belonging to Saml & Robert Purviance and others of Baltimore

Robert Orme from Prince Georges County a Draught for nine Months having procured George Ennis to serve in the Continental Army for the term of three years is therefore Discharged

Friday 26th June 1778 C. B.

Prest as on Yesty except his Excellency, Edward Lloyd Esqr attended

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mark Alexander Eighty six pounds per Account passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Robert John Smith seven hundred and seventeen Pounds, four shillings for making Soldiers Cloaths per Acct passed by the A G.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn one hundred and thirty Pounds six shillings and six Pence due to him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Ely Dorsey of the second Regiment Sagathy sufficient for a Coat, Striped Linen for two Waistcoats Russia Sheeting for two pair Breeches with Trimmings and Linnen for two Shirts.

[Plater to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Sir

I have the Pleasure to communicate to your Excellency the following Letter written by Genl Arnold at Philadelphia 24th inst. & read in Congress this Day

The City of Philadelphia was evacuated the 18th inst. The main Body of the Enemy's Army was at the black Horse, seven miles beyond Mount Holly, last Night; their Movements are very slow (about seven or eight Miles ꝑ Day) our Army was at Prince Town, & in advance last Night, moving on towards the Enemy, with Design of Improving any favorable Opportunity of attacking them

Near four hundred Deserters from the Enemy have arrived at this Place The Rear of the Enemy's Fleet was yesterday at Reedy Island; two Divisions are gone down the River to Sea The Quarter Master, Commissary & Clothier Generals have contracted with the Merchants here, for a quantity of Goods for the use of the Army B Arnold. I have the Honor to be with the highest Sentiments of Respect. Yr Excellency's

most obedient
& very hble Servt

York June 26th 1778 Geo. Plater

Saturday 27 June 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reith eight Pounds, six shillings and eight Pence due to him for one Months Salary as Messenger due the 23d Instant

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to William Deakins Junr one hundred and fiteen pounds nine shillings and six pence due him per Acc^{t} passed by the A G.

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Deakins eighty three pounds five shillings and seven pence due him and the further sum of Thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence for the use of Thomas Beall of Geo. per Acc^{ts} passed by the A G.

Monday 29 June 1778.

Present as on Saturday, Danl Carroll & T. S. Lee Esq^{rs} attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasure pay to John Muir one hundred and fifty pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr eighty three pounds, six shillings & eight Pence due him for four months salary as Clerk to the Council due to 20 Inst.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Mark Benton of the fifth Regiment Linen for two Shirts Brown Plattillas for a Coat waiscoat and two pair of Overalls with trimmings and one pair Shoes

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Segond Oznabrigs for 60 pair of Overalls and Linen for 200 Shirts to be charged to Genl Pulaski's Legion

That the Commissary of Stores in Baltimore deliver to Genl Pulaski's order 4 Rifles and 40 Canteens for his Legion.

That the Armourer deliver to Capt. Segond 5 pair Pistols for General Pulaski's Legion

Ordered that the Sheriff of Worcester County pay to Joseph Dashiels two thousand pounds for the Purchase of Provisions on account.

Tuesday 30th June 1778

Present as on yesterday except Tho Sim Lee Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Josiah Gordon Thirteen Pounds four Shillings due him per Acco^{t} passed by the Principal Cl. to the A. G.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury forty five Pounds seven shillings and nine pence due to him and also the further Sum of seventeen pounds fourteen shillings and three pence for the use of Capt Geo. Cook per Accounts passed by the Principal Clerk to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury fifty Pounds on account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esqr Eighty pounds ten shillings for forty six Days Attendance in Council inclusive

John Hopkins belonging to the Chester Galley discharged being unfit for Duty C. B.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut John Sagathy for a Coat waistcoat and pair of Breeches with Trimmings suitable

[Council to W. Hemsley.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 30th June 1778. p. 177

Sir

Lieut Benton promised to call on you and to take under his Command, the Men who are to march to Camp, from your County. If he should fail calling, we request you to join them to any Men marching from some other County. The Act of Assembly describes the Men who are compelable to march, on their not paying the Fines. The Deserters from the Militia are subject to the Judgment of a Court Martial. The Militia Accounts must be passed by the Auditor and then, an Order will issue from this Board for Payment. We refer you to James Scarborough for what passed, relative to himself

We are &ca

Wm Hemsley Esqr Lt of Queen Ann's County

Wednesday 1 July 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Coll Thirty Pounds one shilling per Acct passed by the Principal Cl to the A G.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Edward Coll a Private in Capt Dorseys Compy in the second Regiment taken at Fort Washington and released on Parole, Cloth for a Suit of Cloaths and Trimmings, 1 pr shoes 1 pr stockings & 2 shirts

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Bond one hundred and forty two Pounds two shillings for the use of Capt David Ricketts & his Company and the further sum of ninty six pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence for the use of Hezekiah South and his Compy per accts passed by the Prinl Cl to the A G.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Green Thirty Pounds per Account passed by the Principal Clerk to the Aud. Genl

C. B

Thursday 2d July 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Paymaster three hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith one hundred pounds on Acct

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Massey Stript Linnen for a Jacket and one pair of Shoes

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Cromwell of the fourth Regiment 120 Shirts 60 pr Overalls, 60 Coatees, 60 Waistcoat and 60 pair of Shoes for the use of the said Regiment and Linen for two Shirts for himself & two for Lieut Shalmordine of same Regiment

Friday 3d July 1778.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Boyle of the Baltimore Galley Sundry Cloathing per List sent

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Paymaster three hundred Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Maw seven Pounds ten shillings for House rent per Acct passed by the Principal Cl to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Greenbury Griffith one hundred and thirty pounds four shillings and six Pence per Account passed by the Principal Cl to the Aud Genl

Saturday 4th July 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that Mr Crysall deliver to Capt Matthews one Barrel of Whiskey for the use of the Galley Independence

That Mr Crysall deliver to Capt. Campbell 3 Gallons Whiskey for the use of his Company

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reynolds eleven pounds seventeen shillings and six Pence per Account passed by the Principal Cl to the Aud. Genl

That Mr Harris deliver to Commodore Grason one Barrel Whiskey for the use of the Chester Galley

[S. Chase to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Philad[a] July 4th 1778

Dear Sir.

I Received your favor by Cap[t] Jarrold, with one from M[r] Wallace, I have with pleasure rendered him every Service in my Power. he goes off this Morning with the Certificate of M[r] Doane, M[r] Carmichael, and the Depositions of the prize Master & M[r] George Digges, which sufficiently prove the Pass granted by our Comm[s]

Your Letter by M[r] Randall was delivered. We advised him not to purchase any Quantity of Rum, as all articles especially West India are falling. We will attend to the Shirting, I do not beleive our Army will want Cloathing this Year, it appears by the Returns of the Clothier General, that we now have sufficient for 22000 Men. I was Yesday honoured with your Letter of last fryday. No application has been made to Congress for Leave to export to Burmuda, nor do I believe it will be granted. The Virginia Delegates discredit the assertion that their state has granted Leave.

We have no News from Europe, except that the King of Prussia and the Emperor are going to War with each 250000 fine Troops. No Intelligence from Rhode Island.

I wish you Health & Happiness

Dear Sir

Your Affectionate

Obed[t] Serv[t]

Sam[l] Chase

Monday 6 July 1778 C. B.

Present as on Saturday, except Edward Lloyd Esq[t]

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Murrow ninty three pounds eighteen shillings and one penny due to himself and Crew of the Schooner Plater per Account passed the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Ashmead twenty three pound sixteen shillings and two Pence for the use of Henry Lorah per Account passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Friend twelve pounds ten shillings amo[t] of Acco[t] passed by the p Cl. to the A G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Walker one hundred pounds on Account.

That Capt. Maybury deliver 30 Hammocks & one Compass for the Galley Independence.

That the Commissary of Provisions deliver 4 Barrels Beef 3 Barrels Pork, 2 Barrels of flour, 6 Barrels of Bread & 1 Barrel Pease for the Galley Independence

C. B. Tuesday 7 July 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Bennett Matthews one hundred Pounds on Account

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Cox thirty seven pounds fifteen shillings and seven Pence per Acco^t passed by the Principal Cl to the A G^l

That the said Treasurer Pay to Robert Owen Purchaser of Provisions in Montgomery County one hundred pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer Pay to Richard Sprigg Esqr Eighty Eight Pounds sixteen shillings per Account passed by the Principal Cl to the Aud Genl

C. C. p. 178 [Circular to Recruiting Officers.]

In Council 7th July 1778.

Sir

Col^o Stone wrote us that several of the Recruiting Officers in Charles County had delivered the Men they recruited to the Regular Officers and had not given up their Inlistments, from which Neglect no Pay can be drawn for the Men. We therefore request that you will deliver what Inlistments you may have to Col^o Stone, who is now in the County; should he leave it before you have an Opportunity of delivering them send them to us, to be forwarded to Camp.

Circular To the Recruiting Officers of Charles County. } We are &^ca

p. 179 [Council to Grason.]

In Council Annapolis July 7th 1778

Sir

The Gallies Johnson & Independence and the State Boat Dolphin are to proceed to Alexandria on Patowmack to receive Provisions for the Army which they are to convey to the Head of Elk and deliver to Col^o Henry Hollingsworth. It is expected, Directions will be left at Alexandria, by Mr Thomas Richardson of George Town, if none should be there, an Officer should go up to him immediately. Although we have Reason to think the Enemy's Ships are not at present in the Bay, it is uncertain how soon they may be and the Officers in these Vessels, cannot be too vigilant and cautious in avoiding any Danger there may be.

Comodore Grason.

Wednesday 8th July 1778. C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Dunovan Ten Pounds, ten shillings and eleven Pence farthing per Account passed by the Principal Clerk to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro twenty two Pound ten shillings per Account passed by the Prinl Cl to the Aud Genl

Thursday, 9th July 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John McFadon Nine Pounds, thirteen shillings and four Pence per Acct passed by the Prinl Cl to A Gl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Daniel Jenifer Esquire forty Pounds ten shillings per Acct passed by the Prinl Cl to the Aud. Gl and also the further Sum of one thousand two hundred and fifty nine Pounds five shillings and six Pence per Acct passed by the Aud Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Gaither of the 1st Regt Dyed Plattilas suffl for a Coat, Waistcoat and Breeches with Trimmings & Shalloon Suffl to line a Coat

Friday 10 July 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Welch Ten Pounds, sixteen shillings due him per Accot passed by the Prinl Cl. to Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Joshua Miles sixty five Pounds and four Pence due to him per Acct passed by the Prinl Cl to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Frederick Green eight hundred and seventy seven Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence per Acct passed by Aud. Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette fifty Pounds for two months Salary as Cl to the Aud. Genl per Act passed

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Nathl Twining of the fourth Regt Stript Linnen for two Waistcoats, two pr Trousers and brown Linnen for a Coat with Trimmings

Saturday 11 July 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Frederick

C. B. Cromar sixty seven Pounds, seventeen shillings and ten Pence and the further Sum of seven Pounds ten shillings to be delivered over to John Laypold amount of Accounts passed by the Princ^{l} Cl to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Margaret Carter three Pounds eighteen shillings and nine Pence due to her per Acc^{t} passed by the AG.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Gordon of the Galley Conqueror one hundred Pounds on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Ijams Stript Linnen for two p^{r} Trousers & two Jackets, white Linnen for two Shirts Brown Linnen for a Coatee and Trimmings suitable.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Col^{o} Gist 100 Shirts 100 pair Overalls, 1 p^{s} white Cloth and 50 pair Shoes for his Regiment

Monday 13th July 1778.

Present as on Saturday. Thos Sim Lee Esqr Attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt John Gordon two hundred and fifty five Pounds, ninteen shillings and six Pence and also the further Sum of one hundred and seventy three Pounds eleven shillings and two Pence on Acc^{t} of the Galley Conqueror per Acc^{ts} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Dalziel three Pounds eleven shillings and three Pence am^{t} of Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the A G^{l}

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Chalmers Thirty Pounds for the use of John McKeel per Acct^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Randal Revellie Sergeant in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Cloth for a Suit of Cloaths, 2 Shirts, 2 p^{r} Stockings & 2 p^{r} Shoes.

That the said Commissary deliver to Spencer Sanders a Private in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Cloth Coat, Waistcoat and Breeches 2 Shirts, 2 p^{r} Hose and 2 p^{r} Shoes

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn one hundred and fifty five Pounds nine shillings due to him per Account passed by the Principal Cl to the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to James Carmichael four Pounds fifteen shillings amount of Account passed by the Auditor General

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Liden eighty five Pounds amount of Account passed by the Aud General

Tuesday 14 July 1778. C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to John King Three Pounds for riding Express from Baltimore per Account passed by the Aud. G[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Allen Quynn six hundred and twenty Pounds nine shillings and ten Pence for the use and to be delivered over to Col[o] Gist per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Col[o] Thomas Dorsey twenty six Pounds seven shillings and six pence for the use of William Hammond for Wagon hire per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Campbell 48 pair Overalls 48 Coatees and 30 pair Shoes for the use of his Company

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to John Randall Linen for two Pair of Overalls and 3 yards D[o] for Trimmings.

Wednesday 15 July 1778.

Present as on Yesterday and His Excellency

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Stewart of the Galley Conqueror Nine Pounds, ten shillings and six Pence per Acc[t] passed by A Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Fairbrother one hundred and fifty eight pounds eleven shillings and eight pence per Acc[t] passed by the P. Cl to A. G.

That the said Treasurer pay to Sam[l] M[c]Gee one hundred and twenty Pounds per Acc[t] passed by Prin[l] Cl. to the A G[l]

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt. Benjamin Morgan Thirty one Pounds, two shillings and eight Pence per Account passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to George Dyer Thirty two Pounds eleven shillings and eleven Pence per Account passed by the P. Cl to the A. G[l]

Thursday 16th July 1778.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the Western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Col[o] Peter Waters three hundred and eleven Pounds, five shillings and ten Pence due to the Militia of Somerset County under his Command and also the further Sum of two hundred

C. B. and ninty Pounds, eight shillings for the use of Sundry Inhabitants of said County per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. Thomas Coursey one hundred and twenty Pounds, three shillings for work done to the Chester Gally per Account Passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Commodore Thomas Grason one hundred Pounds on Account.

Commissions Issued to James Sulivan appointed second Lieut. of the Galley Chester, he having served from the 5th December 1777 also to John Chevier appointed Lieut. of Marines of said Galley and served from the 10th of April last.

Friday 17th July 1778

Present as on Yesterday. Edward Lloyd Esqr Attended.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Humphry Pew a Serjeant in 2^{d} Maryland Reg^{t} 1 Coatee 1 p^{r} overalls 2 Shirts and 1 p^{r} Shoes

That the western shore Treasurer Pay to John Green Ten pounds three shillings and ten Pence and also the further Sum of four Pounds seventeen shillings and Six Pence per Acc^{ts} passed by the P. Cl. to the A G^{l}

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Thomas Purchaser of Provisions in Saint Marys County seven hundred and twenty nine Pounds nine shillings and four Pence per Acc^{t} passed by the A. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Nevin three hundred and eighteen Pounds, eleven shillings and eleven Pence three farthings per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

It being represented that George Mann who stands committed by this Board to the Custody of the Sheriff of Kent County to answer for Treason hath given Security in a Considerable Sum of Money for his Appearance at the Court of Oyer and Terminer to be held in Kent County in the State of Delaware some time in this or the next Month. It is therefore now Ordered that the said George Mann be discharged from the said Sheriffs Custody on his entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace in this State with sufficient Security himself in £1500 and two Surieties in £750 each for his Appearance at the next General Court to be held on and for the Eastern shore of this State to answer for Treason in the mean Time keeping the Peace and being of good behaviour and not departing the same Court without leave thereof

Saturday 18th July 1778 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to George Keeports six hundred and thirty five Pounds, thirteen shillings and ten Pence Balance of Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to George Keeports eighteen Pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Mathew Patton per Acct passed by the A Gl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. George Keeports one hundred Pounds on Account.

Commission issued to John Callahan appointed Register of the Land Office for the western Shore in the room of St George Peale deceased.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to John Concoa nine hundred and ten Pounds, ten shillings due to him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

Monday 20 July 1778.

Present as on Saturday except Thos Sim Lee & Daniel Carroll Esqrs

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Chalmers three hundred and forty eight Pounds, one shilling and five Pence for the use of Captain Edward Noel Junr & his Company as per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt. Charles Williamson sixty nine Pounds, seventeen shillings per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Richard Beard five Pounds, five shillings per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Samuel Stanning Thirty one Pounds thirteen shillings and nine Pence amt of Acct passed by the P. Cl. to A. G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Colo Chambers two thousand six hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Ezekiel Forman Esqr Paymt to the E Shore Militia and to be expended in Settling said Mila Acctts

[Council to E. Forman.] C. C.

In Council 20th July 1778. p. 179

Sir.

By the Resolution of the Assembly the Money issued on Account of the Eastern Shore Militia is to be first applied; We wished to be ascertained whether the application has been

C. C. accordingly made. Col° Hemsley by his Letter; has a Sum of Money in his Hands, received from the Treasurer last fall, and from his not mentioning the exact Sum, we suppose he has not setled his Account, with the Comm^rs^ we inclose you a general Order, on which we expect you'll receive three or four hundred Pounds. We send you also by Col° Chambers £2600. which we hope will be sufficient to discharge the Militia Claims and wish to have the whole Acc^ts^ and Vouchers returned to us as soon as may be that proper Charges may be made against the Continent and that if any Money received from the Eastern Shore Treasurer or Mr Paca, is not accounted for, the Persons who received it may be called on.

We are &^ca^

Ezekiel Forman Esqr

[Gov. Johnson to Grason.]

In Council 16th July 1778

Sir.

You are to proceed with the Gallies Conqueror and Chester, the Boats Plater and Emilia and the two Vessels taken up on this Occasion, to Cambridge and there receive into your Charge the Crew of the British Frigate Mermaid now Prisoners of War. The Prisoners are to be distributed amongst the Vessels with a View to convenience and security; Your own Disposition and Prudence, we flatter ourselves, will make it unnecessary for us to give particular Directions as to your Treatment of the Prisoners; with them you are to come too off the Harbour of Annapolis, where you are to receive further Instructions T. J.

Commodore Grason.

C. B. Tuesday 21 July 1778.

Present as on yesterday. Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Col° Joseph Dashiell, two thousand nine hundred and ninty four Pounds and Eleven Pence half-penny for Provisions Purchased and also the further Sum of eight hundred and ninty nine Pounds ten shillings and six Pence for Cloathing and Lead as per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

C. C. p. 180 [Council to R. Owings.]

Vide Letter 20th June. In Council 21st July 1778.

Sir.

The above is a Copy of ours of the 20th of last Month, it was circular and we designed to stop any further Purchases of

Cattle or other Provisions, by the Purchasers appointed under the Laws of this State. The Continental Commissary has appointed Agents who, we hope will be able to procure an ample Supply for the Army and therefore it appears to us to be disadvantageous as well as unnecessary to have any Rivalship in the Purchase. If you know of any Cattle to be purchased, you'd do the Public a Service to acquaint the Continental Agent of them. C. C.

We are &ca

Capt. Robert Owings
Montgomery County

Wednesday 22d July 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Robert Reid ninty five Pounds, eight shillings due to him and the further Sum of six Pounds for the use of John Wicks per Accts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Randall twenty Pounds due to Denton Jacques and I. Randall per Acct passed by the P. Cl to the A Gl

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Pilkington three Pounds ten shillings amt of Acct passed by the Aud Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Campbell 20 pair of Shoes and 2½ yards Check to be charged to his Compy

Commissions issued to Matthew Tilghman, John Gibson, Henry Banning, Howes Goldsborough, Thomas Sherwood, Richard Johns, Peregrine Tilghman, James Trippe, George Dawson, Edward Hindman, John Thomas Junr Thos Martin Senr Thos Ray Senr & Nichs Martin appointed Justices of the Peace for Talbot County, also to Matthew Tilghman, John Gibson Henry Banning, Howes Goldsborough and Peregrine Tilghman appointed Justices of the Orphans Court for Talbot County.

By the advice of the Council Pardon granted to Negro James the Slave of Sarah Dashiell under sentence of Death for Murder.

Thursday 23d July 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury forty four Pounds twelve shillings and three Pence per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

C. B. That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury Fifty Pounds for the use of the Hospital to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Vineyard eight Pounds two shillings and six Pence per Acc[t] passed by the Aud Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Richard Thompson Thirty nine Pounds per Acc[t] passed by the Aud Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Randall one thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Liquors &[ca] for the Maryland Continental Troops.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Alexander Claggett three Pounds fifteen shillings and the further Sum of five Pounds for the use of John Shellman per Acc[ts] passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

C. C. p. 180

[Gov. Johnson to Campbell.]

In Council 23[d] July 1778.

Cap[t] Campbell.

You are to take under your Guard of Matrosses and Militia the Prisoners mentioned in the List now delivered to you, not on Paroll, Cap[t] Brixey and his son are to be allowed this Opportunity of going to Philadelphia. You are to proceed to the Head of Elk and from thence by Land to Philadelphia. Deliver the Letter, on your Arrival, to the Board of War as directed and the Prisoners according to their Order. The Baggage had best be sent to Christiana and from thence by Water to Philadelphia. On your being discharged of the Prisoners, you are to return without Delay, we advise, to Christiana, by Water and from the Head of Elk by Water, Call on the issuing Commissaries for the necessary Provisions.

T. J.

Cap[t] Campbell.

p. 180

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 23[d] July 1778.

Gen[t]

We have furnished M[r] Randall with £1000 to lay out in Liquors &[ca] for the Maryland Officers and should have supplied him with considerably more but that we think a very large sum may not be safe whilst the Army is continually moving; we therefore request you'll obtain from the Congress on Acc[t] of this State, as far as £4000 and pay it to him or his
274 Orders occasionally. We have supplied him with what Cloathing we could, but our Troops will still want about 1000

Shirts and, we believe, more Blankets. We beg you'll interest yourselves to get him supplied if possible with those Articles; there is too much reason to complain of the Neglect of our Troops; on the Care of these depends chiefly our Power to raise more. We are &ca C. C.

Delegates from Maryland in Congress.

Friday 24 July 1778 C. B. p. 180

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to William Judah two hundred and ninty seven Pounds, two shillings and seven Pence half penny per Acct passed by the Princl Cl to the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Judah three hundred and forty eight Pounds four shillings and two Pence half Penny for the use of John Gerock and the further Sum of eight Pounds, fifteen shillings and six Pence for the use of Samuel Sadler per Accts passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Randall one hundred & twenty Pounds on Acct

That the said Treasurer Pay to Charles Wallace Paymaster five hundred Pounds on Account

Ordered that the Commissary of Provisions furnish Lieut. William Judah with two Barrels of Beef and two Barrels of Pork for the Matrosses in Baltimore

Mr Randall, We request you will obtain from the Commissaries who attend the Army from the Different States for the like purpose as you do; or from so many of them as you can, the Prices or Rules for pricing of the Spirits, Coffee &ca they deliver to their Officers and what you Purchase for and deliver to our Officers price as is done by others, but if the prices or Rule should much differ with the different Commissaries, we would have you fix Medium Prices as near as convenient.

[Council to J. and E. Dorsey.] C. C. p. 181

In Council 24th July 1778.

Sir.

There is a Quantity of Provisions belonging to this State lodged with Mr Edward Dorsey. We would be glad to have it delivered to Lieut Wm Judah and should esteem it a Favor if you would assist him in the Carriage of it to Elk Ridge Landing from whence it may easily be conveyed to Baltimore Town We are &ca

Colo John Dorsey &
Mr Edwd Dorsey

C. B. Saturday 25 July 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer Pay to Joseph Cowman one hundred and sixty Pounds, ten shillings per Acc^{t} passed by the P. Cl. to A G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Col^{o} Joshua Beall one hundred and fourteen Pounds, ten shillings and one Penny per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Peggy Dehay five Pounds per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Nancy Chain four Pounds ten shillings per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Margaret Carter five Pounds per Account passed by the Aud Gen$^{l's}$ Principal Clerk.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Lieut. William Judah three Pounds to be delivered over to John Sterett per Acc^{t} passed by the Princ^{l} Cl. to the AG^{l}

That the said Treasurer Pay to Lieut. William Judah two hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Robert Reith eight Pounds six shillings and eight Pence for 1 M^{o} Salary from 23^{d} June

That the said Treasurer Pay to Stephen Gough ten Pounds ten shillings per Acc^{t} passed by the Princ^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Thomas Dawson Seventy Pounds ninteen shillings & two Pence per Acc^{t} passed by the P. Cl to A Genl

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer Pay to Charles Downes three hundred and forty three Pounds, sixteen shillings due per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Downes one thousand three hundred & twenty Pounds to be expended in Payments for the Provisions purchased by him & accounted for

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. William Judah 7 yards Linen for himself and 7 yards Russia Drab for the use of Maj. Nathaniel Smith

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Nathaniel Cooper Master of the Sloop called the Richardson, mounting two Carriage Guns and four Swivels, navigated by ten men belonging to Thomas Russell, Thomas Noel Edward Noel, Thomas Dawson, James Lloyd Chamberlaine & Co William Perry and William Hindman

Monday 27 July 1778

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Benjamin

Johns, four Pounds one shilling and eight Pence per Acc[t] C. B.
passed by the Aud Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Chever Thirty Pounds, two shillings and six Pence due to him per Acc[t] passed by the Aud Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Hellen Devenish fourteen Pounds fourteen shillings am[t] of Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Tuesday 28 July 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

It appearing from several Depositions lodged with this Board that Edward Scott of Dorchester County who was enlisted by Capt Eccleston is according to the Promise and Engagement of Capt Eccleston entitled to his Discharge. It is therefore Ordered that the said Edward Scott be not taken or treated in any manner as a Deserter or Soldier until the further Order of the Governor and Council to whom Application is to be made if a hearing on this Subject is desired.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt. Thomas Coursey Ninty one Pounds sixteen shillings as per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Dawson Thirty six Pounds sixteen shillings and three Pence per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

It being represented to this Board by James Calhoun Esq[r] Deputy Quarter Master General for the western shore of this State that a number of Waggons are now wanted to carry Flour belonging to the Continent to convenient Landings from several Mills in Baltimore and Harford Counties, where the same has been manufactoried for the use of the Army. It is requested that the Magistrates of those Counties respectively will on the Application of the said James Calhoun or other Person or Persons acting under him, issue Warrants for the impressing Waggons necessary for carrying the said flour to convenient Landings, directing the Warrants to the Constables of the Hundreds and requiring them to impress the Number of Waggons and Teams mentioned in the warrants respectively so that the Burthen may be divided as nearly equal as may be

[Council to J. Calhoun.] C. C.
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In Council 28th July 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you a Request to the Magistrates to issue Press Warrants for carrying the Flour to Landings, but we intend

C. C. it should be recurred to in case only that you cannot hire, and that the People may be taken with their Teams, as little a while as may be, from their Farms,at this Season; we desire that the Flour may be carried to the Landings nearest the Mills at which it now lies. Col° Hollingsworth mentioned his having a considerable Quantity of Wheat to be ground up at the Mills formerly Onions's, we hope they are what you call Montgomery's Mills, if so, the Flour may be brought away in scows in the same Manner as he proposed to carry the Wheat. From Mr Buchanan's ordering the Flour carried to Baltimore Town, to be delivered to the issuing Commissary, it seems as if it was to be issued in Baltimore Town, if it is, there can be no Occasion to press this Business to the Inconvenience of any Body, which, we rely, you will avoid as far as you can.

We are &^ca

James Calhoun Esqr

[Council to J. Calhoun and others.]

In Council 28th July 1778.

Gen^t

We are much inclined to give you any Assistance we can, towards fitting out your Privateer. The Guns on Board the Johnson called four Pounders, carry about a five Pound Ball and, we believe, weigh upwards of 12^h they, we fear, will not suit you, if they will, or if there are any on Board Stone's Brig, & Capt Coursey says he thinks there are, you may use them, returning the same to us again at the End of the Cruise or paying for them if lost. We have no exact Account of our Guns, nor can we at present, be informed whether we have any others which may probably suit you, if you know of any others, advise us of them and we shall let you have them if we reasonably can.

We are &^ca

James Calhoun & others.

C. B. Wednesday 29 July 1778.

Present as on Yesterday. T. Sim Lee Esqr Attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Ralph Forster forty seven Pounds, one shilling and eight Pence for House Rent per Acc^t passed by the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Col° Normand Bruce Thirty three Pounds, eight shillings and seven Pence due to him per Acc^t passed by the A. G^l

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Bond four thousand Dollars to be delivered over to William Bond son of Joshua purchaser of Provisions in Harford County on Account. C. B.

Whereas on or about the twenty sixth day of March last it was adjudged by this Board that there were good grounds to believe that the going at Large of Edward Tilghman Junr of Queen Annes County might be dangerous to the safty of this State and this Board did therefore order that he should give Bond payable to this State in the Penalty of five thousand Pounds current money, with sufficient security to be approved of by this Board or by some Justice of the Peace for Queen Annes County conditioned for his the said Edward's Tilghman's personal Appearance before the then next general Court to be held for the Eastern shore to answer for his going into Philadelphia whilst in Possession of the Enemy without having Permission from the Governor and Council of this State and not departing the said Court without leave thereof and further for his not going out of Queen Ann's County nor more than five Miles from the Dwelling House of his father Edward Tilghman without the leave of the Governor and Council of this State for the Time being unless for the purpose of attending the General Court as aforesaid and for his returning from the same Court as soon as permitted within the said Limit which Bond was as represented accordingly given. And it Appearing to this Board that there is no good Ground to believe that the now going at Large of the said Edward Tilghman Junr will be dangerous to the Safety of this State. Therefore Leave is hereby given to the said Edward Tilghman Junr to go at Large in the same and as ample manner as if the said recited Order had not been made nor the said Bond had ever been given.

[Council to E. Tilghman.] C. C. p. 182

In Council 29th July 1778.

Sir.

Inclosed you will receive the Leave of the Governor and Council to go at Large as you please, which, according to the Terms of your Bond takes away any further Operation of it, the Bond itself has not been transmitted hither, we suppose it was returned to the General Court where must properly remain.

We are &^ca

Edward Tilghman Junr Esqr
Queen Ann's County

C. C. [Council to W. Bond.]

In Council 29th July 1778.

Sir

The foregoing are Copies of the Order in Council and of our circular Letter of the 20th June which we perceive from your Letter, have not reached you. We send by your Brother James Bond, the four thousand Dollars you wrote for and, as continental Purchasers are fixed, we believe almost every where and we have no Doubt but they will be able to supply the Army. We request you'll make no further Purchases of Cattle or Provisions under our Appointment; we wish you to forward what Cattle you have on Hand to Colo Blaine or some Purchaser under him, taking his Receipt, that your Account may be setled, and we enabled to have a full Account of the Purchases of Provisions by this State made up against the Congress.

We are &ca

Mr Wm Bond, son of Joshua }
Harford County }

C. B. Thursday 30th July 1778.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Charles Wallace Howard fifty five Pounds per Acct passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl and also the further Sum of two hundred and five Pounds to be delivered over to Nathaniel Ross per Account passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Colo John Stewart eighty four Pounds twelve shillings and one Penny per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl and the further Sum of five hundred and seventy five Pounds for the use of Henry Jackson & Co for 8 Casks Musket Ball per Certificate of George Dashiell

That the said Treasurer Pay to Colo John Stewart nine hundred and sixty three Pounds, seventeen shillings per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Joseph Cowman Junr sixty Pounds per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

Joseph Babb a Corporal in the first Maryland Regiment having a sore Leg has Permission to remain at Home three weeks from this Time to endeavour to obtain Relief

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Jonathan Clark Master of the Sloop called the Eclipse mounting two Carriage Guns and 4 Swivels Navigated by twelve Men belonging to Hugh Young and Compy of Baltimore

The Governor & Council have sold the State Boat Amelia to Mr Charles Wallace Howard for Nine hundred Pounds together with her Sails and Rigging C. B.

Friday 31 July 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to William Middleton twenty Pounds per Acc^r^ passed by the Prin^l^ Cl. to the Aud. Genl and also Forty Pounds to be delivered over to Capt. John Pitt per Acc^t^ passed by A. G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Col^o^ Alexander Anderson Three hundred and Thirty nine Pounds, Seventeen shillings and seven Pence Balance of Acc^t^ passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Joseph Cowman Junr eighty two Pounds ten shillings per Acc^t^ passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Nathaniel Potter Esquire four hundred and seventy seven Pounds, seventeen shillings and ten Pence, four hundred and sixty two Pounds nine shillings and nine Pence due himself for the Purchase of Provisions and the further sum of four Pounds ten shillings for the use of James Laurence as per Acc^ts^ passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Henry Leigh Massey ninty four Pounds, eleven shillings and four Pence for Wages due himself and the Crew of the Amelia per Acc^t^ passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Nathaniel Potter Esq. one thousand & thirty six Pounds and four Pence to enable him to Pay the Additional Price on the Provisions Purchased for the Continent in Caroline County as regulated by the Governor and Council of which Acc^t^ to be rendered

[Council to C. W. Howard?]

Sir,

We shall be obliged to you to endeavour to sell the Ship Defence for not less than nine thousand Pounds, we would wish to Part from her with Appearel &^ca^ agreeable to the Inventory formerly made, but that Inventory is mislaid so that we do not know whether it can now be ascertained therefore we would have the Contract made for what went up in the Ship & including the sails with which she was carried to Baltimore a Suit for a Merchantman to be made up out of those here which belonged to her. We design six and only six of her Guns, with what belongs to them to go with her as pertaining to the Ship. If the Purchaser should want more of

C. B. her Guns he may have them at their selling price in Baltimore. One half the money to be paid down the rest if the Purchaser desires it to be on three Months Credit he giving Bond with Security

Jeremiah Randall a Private in Capt. Will Campbells Comp^{y} of Matrosses being rendered incapable of any further Duty, by long Sickness is discharged from said Company

Commissions issued to George Bayard app^{d} Major, John Sudler Capt. Emory Prior 1 Lt Jacob Waters 2 Lieut. Wm Brown Capt. Thos Roberts 2^{d} Lt John Sency Capt, John Seager first Lieut James Thompson second Lieut, James Holding Ensign of Capt. Tho. Harris's Comp^{y} Isaac Scriviner Capt, John Young Keene first Lieut. Samuel Breese second Lieut. Hugh Henry Ensign belonging to the fifth Batt. of Militia in Queen Annes County also to Charles Downes Capt. Peter Rich first Lieut, William Hackett second Lieut, Edward Hargadine Ens. Jacob Ringgold Capt. Robert Walters first Lieut, James Goodhan second Lieut, Francis Bright Ens. Philemon Murphey second Lieut. of Capt. James Kents Com^{y} Philemon Davis second Lieut. Lawrence Hall Ens. of Capt. John Costin's Comp^{y} Levin Downes first Lieut William Banks second Lieut, Thomas Duffey Ens. of Capt Nehem^{a} Nobles Comp^{y} Nathan Browne first Lieut Samuel Dyer Betton second Lieut of Capt. James Bordley's Comp^{y} belonging to the twentieth Batt. of Militia in Queen Annes County

Commission issued to William Garland, of Talbot County pointed Ens of a Comp^{y} of Militia drafted agreeable to the Act of Assembly in such case made and Provided

Pass granted to John Chamberlaine a Sailor belonging to the British Ships of War Mermaid to go to Philadelphia there to deliver himself up to the Board of War in order to be exchanged in his Turn he being prevented from going with the rest of the Crew by Sickness

Permission is given to the Revd James Jones Wilmer to go from Baltimore or either of the Inletts in this State to France or any of the Islands in the West Indies not under the Dominion of the King of Great Britain

Commissions issued to Philip Walker and Thomas Hughlet appointed Coroners for Caroline County

C. C.
p. 182

[Council to J. Gordon.]

In Council 31st July 1778.

Sir.

There are two Hh^{ds} of Whiskey at Elk Ridge Landing in one of Col^{o} John Dorsey's Warehouses, belonging to this

State. We request you will make Inquiry about them and bring them with any other Stores there belonging to this State to Annapolis with you c. c.

We are &ca

Capt John Gordon
at Baltimore

[Council to Birkhead.]

In Council 31st July 1778.

Sir

We inclose an Ensign's Commission to William Garland who, we desire may march the drafted Militia from Talbot and Queen Ann's County to Head Quarters as soon as well may be

We are &ca

Colo Birkhead

[Council to W. Hemsley.] p. 183

In Council 31st July 1778.

Sir.

We have issued the Commissions as you desired, except in one Instance which Colo Anderson says, was a Mistake, but you have omitted to mention Officers for Capt Elliott's Company. Inclosed you have Copies of our former Letters to you: as you have no Officer drafted in Queen Ann and the one drafted in Talbot does not march, we have, according to the Act, appointed William Garland of Talbot County, under whom, we request the drafted Militia from Talbot and Queen Ann's County may be marched

We are &ca

Wm Hemsley Esqr Lt of
Queen Ann's County

[Council to G. Dashiell.]

In Council 31st July 1778.

Sir.

A Petition is presented to us from Capt Wm Turpin's Company of Militia complaining of his being appointed and requesting Huet Nutter, who was formerly elected Captain, to be put in his Place. We see that Mr Nutter was appointed first Lieut. on issuing the Commissions last fall, and that in January, Mr John Philips appointed in his stead. We do not

C. C. claim the Power of displacing Capt Turpin but request you'll inform us the Occasion of Mr Nutter's being passed over in the Appointment.

We are &^{ca}

George Dashiell Esqr
L^{t} of Somerset County

C. B. Saturday 1 August 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to John Kirby fifty four Pounds per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Robertson Stevens two thousand two hundred and twenty three Pounds eleven shillings and five Pence to be delivered over to James Sullivan Purchaser of Provisions in Dor. County as per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Robertson Stevens thirty six Pounds for the use of Daniel James Brookes, sixty six Pounds for the use of Patrick Broughton and the further Sum of twenty four Pounds for the use of Benjamin Bailey per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Commodore Thomas Grason one hundred Pounds for the use of the Conqueror Galley to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer Pay to Robertson Stevens one hundred Pounds per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. and also the further Sum of eight hundred and twenty nine Pounds, eighteen shillings and eleven Pence per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Lawrence fifty nine Pounds, sixteen shillings due to him per Acc't passed by the Aud. Genl

Monday 3^{d} August 1778

Present as on Saturday except T Sim Lee Esquire.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt. De Segond two hundred and four Pounds due to him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Moore four hundred and fifteen Pounds ten shillings for 2 hhd^{s} and 7 Barrels of Whiskey Purchased of him by Com^{r} Grason for the State.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Philip Sullivan a Private in the 7th Maryland Reg^{t} of Cont^{l} Troops, who was wounded and taken Prisoner on Staten Island ten Pounds in part of pay due him to be charged to the said Regiment.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to William C. B.
Welsh twelve Pounds ten shillings for the hire of his Boat per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to John Burrows Master of the Sloop called the Washington mounting 8 Garriage Guns, 6 Swivels and twenty Muskets, navigated by 20 Men burthen 60 Tons belonging Isaac Vanbibber, David Weems and John Muir.

Commission issued to Samuel Harvy Howard appointed one of the Coroners for Ann Arundel County in the room of Francis Fairbrother resigned.

Tuesday 4 August 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Zephaniah Turner eight Pounds, three shillings and two Pence for the use of Capt. John Mackall Balance of Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Zeph Turner nine Pounds ten shillg[s] and also the further Sum of seventeen Pounds, fourteen shillings and three Pence for the use of John Glassford for House Rent and Damages per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Dare Thirty four Pounds fifteen shillings Balance of Acc[t] passed by the Principal Cl to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Peter Lyon fourteen Pounds for the use of Haner Lyle & C° per Acc[t] passed by the Prin[l] Cl to the Aud. Gen[l]

Wednesday 5th August 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Whereas it is represented by the Continental Quarter Master within this State that fifty Waggons and Teams are necessary for the Carriage of Provisions Stores and necessaries from Washington County to Carlile for the Subsistance and Accomodation of the Troops carrying on an Expedition against the British and Indian Enemies to the westward and that the same cannot be obtained without impressing. This Board therefore Request the Magistrates of Washington County to issue Warrants for the impressing the said Number of Waggons, Teams and Drivers for the said Service and the Constables in the Execution of the said Warrants are directed to take those who

C. B. have not already Performed Service for the Public or such whose Turn it may be, as nearly as Dispatch and Convenience will Permit.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert John Smith two hundred and forty four Pounds, ten shillings per Acc^t passed by A. Genl

C. C. p. 183

[Council to D. Hughes.]

In Council Annapolis 5th Augt 1778.

Sir.

All the Accounts and Vouchers of the Expences of Prisoners which we could collect, we sent to our Delegates in Congress the 10th of April last and we have no Doubt they were given in to Congress by the 15th agreeable to the Resolution of Congress; you'll therefore refer the Commissary to the Congress for them, especially as we are not able to furnish Copies. The Crew of the Mermaid and two or three other British Prisoners, all that we know of, were sent to and received in Philadelphia. If we should have any other British Sailors brought Prisoners here, we shall either keep them near the Water or send them to Philadelphia to prevent unnecessary Trouble and much Delay.

We are &^ca

Danl Hughes Esqr
L^t of Washington County.

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[Council to C. W. Howard.]

In Council 5th Augt 1778.

Sir.

We have no Inclination to sell the Defence with the Articles desired with her, for the £9000 offered, but shall rather dispose of her otherwise. We therefore request you'll not delay or trouble yourself further on that Business

We are &^ca

Mr Charles Wallace Howard
at Baltimore

[Council to Prest. Laurens.]

In Council Annapolis 5th Augt 1778.

Sir.

We yesterday received a Letter from Mr Richard Harrison from Martinique, advising us of his Sale of the Sloop Molly

belonging to this State, to Mr Bingham. Knowing that Mr Bingham is Agent for the Congress and presuming that the Purchase was for the Benefit of the United States, we inclose you Copies of our Instructions to the Captain and of our Letters to Mr Harrison, beyond which he had no Authority. In Justice to this State we cannot confirm the Sale and have wrote a Letter to the Captain, now gone up to Baltimore in the Sloop, of which we inclose a Copy, not doubting but the Congress, on being apprized of the Circumstances of this Affair, will immediately order the Vessel, if purchased for them, to be delivered to our Order. We request the Favor of you Sir to lay this Matter before the Congress and to acquaint us with their Determination. C. C.

We are &ca

Presidt of Congress.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.] p. 184

In Council Annapolis 5th Augt 1778.

Gent

We inclose you a Letter to the President, left open for your Perusal, from which you'll see that Mr Harrison has undertaken contrary to our Orders to sell the Sloop Molly; she had six four Pounders; the Sale was for 2500 Dollars. We cannot agree to the Injury or Example. Be pleased to seal the Letter and favor us with the Resolution of Congress

We are &ca

Delegates from Maryland in Congress.

[Council to D. Deshon.] p. 185

In Council 5th Augt 1778.

Sir.

The Letter from Mr Harrison, which you delivered to the Governor yesterday, has been considered. We have determined not to confirm Mr Harrison's Sale of the Molly and that you, as well as others may be fully informed of the Grounds we have for disagreeing to it, we inclose you copies of our Letters to Mr Harrison, which contain all the Instructions we ever gave him relative to this Vessel. As we imagine Mr Bingham's Purchase was on Account of the Congress, we shall fully state this Matter to the Congress, but desire, in the mean Time that you'll not lay out any Thing on the Vessel or give her out of your Hands without our Orders; the Freight if due from private People, we also desire you'll receive as you

C. C. deliver the Goods, according to the Custom in Cases of Freight due, and keep the same in your Hands for the Use of this State; if the Goods belong to the Continent, advise us of the Particulars and we shall, we have no Doubt, easily settle the Freight with Congress.

We are &ca

Capt Danl Deshon.

C. B. Thursday 6th August 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Frederick Bender nine Pounds five Shillings due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Williams sixty Pounds for House Rent, Three Pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Jos & James Williams and the further Sum of Twenty seven Pounds ten shillings due himself per Accts passed by the Aud. General

That the said Treasurer Pay to Jacob Lusby five Pounds four shillings and six Pence per Acct passed by the Princl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Joseph Dashiell Master of the Sloop Dolphin mounting two Swivels and 16 Small Arms navigated by 10 Men, Burthen 10 Tons belonging to John Fassett & Co

C. C. p. 185 [Council to H. Hooper.]

In Council 6th Augt 1778.

Sir.

We understand there are yet in Dorchester at least 10 or 12 of the Mermaid's Crew, including those who were sick in Worcester and have since been sent forward. It is much to be wished that these People should be exchanged as soon as possible for our own Country Men and to forward it as much as we can, we request you to send forward to Philadelphia, any British Sailors or Marines now in your Power under an adequate Guard

We are &ca

Henry Hooper Esqr
Lt of Dorchester County

p. 185 [T. Johnson Jr. to D. Bowley.]

Annapolis 6th Augt 1778.

Sir.

Inclosed you'll receive the Notes of the 20 Hhds Tobacco

which Mr Dorsey recd of you some Time ago. They being of no use to the Governor and Council, they have desired me to return them, together with their Thanks for your Kindness; they would have been sent some Time ago, but not having a good Opportunity has prevented it. C. C.

I am Sir &c. T. J. Jr

Danl Bowley Esqr

[Council to G. Walker.] p. 186

In Council 6th Augt 1778.

Sir.

One James McDonell of the second Maryland Regiment, who is a Substitute for nine Months, is stopped here as a Deserter, he says he says he had a Furlough which he left at your House, but cannot tell from whom he received it. Presuming you are a Friend of his, we desire you will bring or send the Furlough to us soon if you have it, otherwise he will be sent to Camp as a Deserter.

We are &ca

Mr Geo. Walker near Bladensburg

Friday 7 August 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday. Daniel Carroll Esquire Attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Elisha Winters three hundred and forty five Pounds, five shillings per Acct passed by A. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Comodore Grason Twine and what other Articles he may want from Time to Time for any of the Vessels.

That Capt. Campbell supply Comr Grason, with what Powder & other Ammunition, Guns and Stores belonging to the Vessels; he may want from Time to time taking his Receipts.

It appearing to this Board that of the Money collected in Virtue of the Act of Assembly entitled "An Additional Supplement to the Acts for Assessment of Property" and now in the Hands of the Treasurer of the Western shore Fifty thousand Dollars can be spared from Defraying the necessary Expences of this State, It is therefore Ordered that the same be set apart towards complying with the first Quarterly Payment according to the late Requisition of Congress.

C. C.
p. 185

[Council to J. Thomas.]

In Council Annapolis 7th Augt 1778.

Sir.

We are desirous of sending the Defence a Voyage to Nantz and of placing you Captain in her; we therefore request you'll come over and converse with us on the subject.

We are &ca

Capt James Thomas.

[Council to J. Gibson.]

In Council 7th Augt 1778.

Sir.

By an Act of the General Assembly of this State passed in October Session, it is directed that "there be set apart by the "Governor & Council the sum of one hundred and thirty thou-"sand Dollars out of the first Money collected in Virtue of "that Act, that can be spared from Defraying the necessary "Expences of this State, to comply with the first Quarterly "Payment, according to the late Requisition of Congress." The Expences which have been incurred in the Course of this year have been chiefly on Account of the United States and are very considerable, Our Treasury is in such a State that we cannot, at present, pay in more than fifty thousand Dollars, which are set apart according to the Act and will be paid at any Time to the Order of Congress. It is unlikely that this State will be able to pay in any Thing further, 'til the 20th of Novr when a Heavy Assessment is to be paid into the Treasury, which will, we expect, fully answer this Year's Quota of this State.

We are Sir &ca

John Gibson Esqr Audr Genl

C. B.

Saturday 8 August 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Thomas Callahan two hundred and sixty three Pounds five shillings per Acct passed by the A Gl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Gilbert Middleton twenty eight Pounds, one shilling due him and his Party of Militia for guarding Prisoners to Philadelphia per Acct passed by the Prinl Cl to the Aud. Genl

[Council to G. Dashiell.] C. C. p. 186

In Council 8th Augt 1778.

Sir.

We received your Letter of the 28th July by Capt Irving. We are sorry that we have no better Means of securing attrocious Offenders, and that we can with Propriety, do nothing more than to approve your Conduct in placing a Guard over the Prison, and desire a Continuance of it. It was mentioned in the Course of last Session, to empower the Governor and Council to remove Persons committed for Capital Offences, from the County Jails to which they might be committed to others of greater Security, but the Power was not given.

We are Sir &ca

George Dashiell Esqr
Lieut of Somerset County.

Monday 10th August 1778 C. B.

Present as on Saturday

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Salisbury Blackmer Master of the Schooner Widow Wadman, mounting four Carriage Guns, two Howitzers and one Swivel navigated by fourteen men seventy one Tons burthen belonging to David Stewart & Co. Baltimore

Tuesday 11 August 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to George Davey three Pounds, five shillings per Acct passed by the Princl Cl. to the Aud Gl

[Chase to Johnson.] Original

Philada Augst 11 1778

Dear Sir.

Your Letter to Congress was delivered and is referred to the Marine Committee. It will be difficult & a Work of Time to procure the different Resolves of Congress relative to Captures. I have seen only one of the Marine Board. the only Instance he knows of is, that Capt Haveler says he struck to the United States. As to the Jurisdiction it unquestionably belongs to our Court of Admiralty. I am almost sure the Effects are a prize to the Individuals, there is a Resolve on this Subject, bound in a Pamphlet which is at my House.

Original Jerry can give it to you. I will attend to the other Parts of your Letter. For news I beg Leave to refer you to my Letter yesday to Col° Lloyd.

I much obliged by your kind & friendly Enquiry after my Health. I have been very unwell, but am now quite recovered. I wish you every Happiness & am

Your Friend
S. Chase

C. B. Wednesday 12 August 1778.

Present as on yesterday

George Digges a native of this State who hath been absent there from in Great Britain and other Parts beyound the Seas for about three years last Past and hath lately that is to say within three months now last past returned into this State appeared before the Governor and Council and before them did take repeat and Subscribe the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State contained in the Act entitled an Act to Punish certain Crimes and Misdemeanors and to Prevent the Growth of Toryism

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Daniel Bryan one hundred and fifty one Pounds, two shillings and six Pence due himself and Hands of the Boat Dolphin per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Matthews seventy two Pounds per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Lieut. Mitinger Resigns his Commission in the Artillery Service of this Service with intent of going into the Dragoons in Continental Service and Jacques Bajues appointed in his Stead.

C. C. p. 187 [Council to S. Smith.]

In Council 12th Aug[t] 1778.

Sir.

Your Letter of the 26th July came to Hand so late last Friday that it could not be answered by the Return of that Day's Post. We write to Gen[l] Washington by this Post for his Orders for the Advance of the State Bounty and wish our Letter may have the intended Effect, if it should not, advise us, letting us know the sum wanted and we will endeavour to supply it some other Way for it is high Time to endeavour by all fair Means to keep the Regiments as full of deciplined Men as may be. We wrote to our Delegates to endeavour by all possible Means to get from the Continental Stores about 1000 Shirts and more Blanketts and put them into M[r] Randall's

Hands, if ready made Shirts could not be got, we desired C. C.
Mr Randall to press for Linen to make them; we do not know Mr Randall's Success; we also desired to be informed whether it was desired or expected that we should go on providing Cloaths against next Fall. Mr Chase wrote the Governor that the Cloathier General's Returns make the Stock in Hand sufficient for 22,000 Men, we therefore apprehend that, on proper Returns and a Warrant for the Purpose, all the deficient Cloathing may be easily obtained, and we much wish the proper Orders were obtained and that Mr Randall or some Body else who would attend to it, was sent immediately for what is wanting. All our Officers must know the labouring Oar has laid full hard on this State and their Exertions ought to be joined with ours to obtain the Justice our Soldiers and this State are intitled to.

We are &ca

Colo Saml Smith.

[Council to Smallwood.]

In Council 12 Augt 1778

Sir.

Colo Saml Smith writes us that many of the nine Months men have inlisted for three years & most of them would, if the Bounty was ready before their Time expires; he advises an Application to Genl Washington for his Order to the Paymaster General for an Advance of the money. We have wrote to his Excellency for his Orders to advance the 40 Dollars on Account of this State and we very much wish that as many as fairly can, may be inlisted for the three Years, for we are apprehensive, besides the Inconvenience, Delay and Expence of filling up our Regiments with new men, if those who are for nine months are discharged at a Distance from us most of them will be entirely lost to this State. If the Money cannot be obtained in this mode, be so obliging as to advise us of it soon, with your Opinion of the sum necessary as we may endeavour to furnish it some other Way. We shall be obliged to you Sir, to furnish us with an accurate Account of our Regiments, the Officers have never furnished us with one and we remain as ignorant of their State as if we had no Interest in or Connection with them. We should be glad to be informed whether the deficient Cloathing has been obtained from the Cloathier General by Mr Randall, or if not the Occasion of it.

We are Sir &ca

Genl Wm Smallwood.

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[Council to Washington.]

In Council 12th Augt 1778

Sir.

Lieut Colo Smith by his Letter of the 26th last, informs us that he is desired by the Officers of the Second Maryland Brigade to apply to us for Money to inlist the nine months men, many of whom they have inlisted for three years and the greatest Number of whom may be before their Time has expired; that the Money, which they will frequently want, will induce them and, he conceives an Order through your Excellency to the Paymaster General would be the most convenient Method. We very much wish to prevent, as far as possible, the like Inconveniencies again occurring in reinlisting and recruiting as we have too often experienced and, if it can be done with Propriety, hope you will give the necessary Orders for the Advance of the forty Dollars Bounty allowed by this State for such of the nine months men as may inlist in our Regiments. If this Mode of Advance on Account of the State cannot be effected, we shall endeavour to furnish the Officers in some other Method, though none offers itself at present.

We are Sir, with the greatest Respect &c.

Genl Washington

C. B.

Thursday 13 August 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Zachariah Gaither forty two Pounds, eight shillings for the use of Richard Laurence and also the further Sum of twenty four Pounds, twelve shillings per Accts passed by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Davidson one thousand two hundred and fifteen Pounds, seventeen shillings and ten Pence for the use of Norton and Beall on Account.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Thomas Todd nine Pounds, ten shillings and the further sum of Thirty two Pounds, five shillings due him per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Isaac Harris three hundred and one Pounds, ten shillings due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. Daniel Deshon one thousand six hundred and ninty nine Pounds, sixteen shillings and Eight Pence Bala of Acct due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Spurrior four Pounds eight shillings and nine Pence and the further Sum of twenty

one Pounds thirteen shillings and two Pence due him and also the further Sum of twelve Pounds for the use of Edward Spurrior per Acc'ts passed by the Aud. Gen[l] C. B.

[Council to G. Keeports.] C. C. p. 188

In Council 13th Aug[t] 1778

Sir

Col[o] Baron Bose of Gen[l] Pulaski's Legion, has applied to us for an Order on you for a Piece or two of blue or grey Cloth for the use of himself and his Officers. If you have such as will suit, we request you to deliver either one or two Pieces as may be desired, giving a Mem[o] of the Cost of it and taking and transmitting us a Receipt. If you have not the Cloth by you, the Gen[t] may get furnished at least as much to their satisfaction in Philadelphia.

We are &[ca]

Cap[t] Geo. Keeports
Bal[t] Town.

Friday 14 August 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Robert Casey one hundred and thirty two Pounds due him per Acc[ts] passed by A Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Artis Twenty three Pounds per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Boyle four hundred and fifty nine Pounds seventeen shillings & one Penny and six hundred and sixty two Pounds four shillings due and for the use of the Crew of the Balt. Galley from the 1st Feb[ry] to 1 Aug. 1778 per Acc[ts] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

[Council to E. Hindman.] C. C. p. 188

In Council 14th Aug[t] 1778.

Sir.

We are desirous of knowing what Money is in the Treasury, and therefore request you will transmit us, by the first Opportunity, an Account of the whole Sum at present in the Treasury of the Eastern Shore, distinguishing what has been received on Account of the Assessments.

We are &[ca]

Edward Hindman Esq[r]
Treasurer of the Eastern Shore

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[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 14th Augt 1778.

Gent

We are rendered very uneasy at Mr Harrison's Situation in Martinique we are dunned from many Quarters about that Debt and indeed treated illiberally our Endeavours have not proved successful; we find the Public looses prodigiously on Produce shipped to Martinique, besides Mr Harrison's undertaking to dispose of our Vessels; the only Way, as it appears to us, that we have of making an End of this very disagreable Business and with the least Loss to the Public, is to purchase Bills of Exchange; we have understood that Mr Morris would draw on France at the Rate of £100 Sterling for £500 our Money, and we suppose the Bills would sell at Martinique for upwards of £180 ꝑ Ct we should therefore be obliged to you to endeavour to purchase Bills on France to the Amount of about 2400 £ Sterling not exceeding five for one drawn in Sets of at least four, each Bill for not more than £500 Sterling they may be made payable to the Governor and, if an immediate Payment of the Money is desired, endeavour to obtain it from Congress and it shall be immediately replaced. If Bills cannot be got on France, they would, if to be had on the French or Dutch Islands, answer as well, if the Exchange is not more against us. If Private Bills cannot be got on either Place, we wish you'd endeavour to negociate with the Congress for Bills or a Loan, for this is a most irksome Affair to us.

Mr Morris has never called on us for the Money due to him for the Goods he sold this State; the Goods have been applied to cloath the Troops, we wish to have his State of the Acct that we may get the Money from Congress into his Hands. We inclose you an Account of Commissions issued here, we have but one left be pleased to forward us more they will be soon wanted.

We are &ca

Delegates in Congress
from Maryland

C. B.

Saturday 15th August 1778

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt Bennett Matthews six hundred and forty Pounds three shillings and one Penny per Acct passed A Gl

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Brice Esqr one hundred and sixty two Pounds, fifteen shillings for his Attendance in Council

That the Sheriff of Frederick County Pay to Colo William

Beatty two thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Provision for the use of the Continent and to be Accounted for C. B.

Whereas George Somerville of Baltimore County according to the Order of this Board entered into a Bond with Security in the Penalty of two thousand pounds conditioned that he should in all things Demean and behave himself as a good true and faithful Subject of this State and should not go out of Baltimore County without Leave of the Governor and Council of this State first obtained in writing and this Board being of Opinion that there is no ground to believe that the now going at Large of the said George Somerville will endanger the Safety of this State Permission is therefore hereby granted to the said George Somerville to go at Large

Monday 17 August 1778

Present as on Saturday except his Excellency

Jonathan Jenings who was sent from the State of Virginia and Charged with passing counterfeit Continental Paper Dollars and who was committed by the Covernor and Council of this State to the Charge of Capt Campbell of the Artillery (the County Goal being insufficient to secure him) is hereby ordered to be sent under Guard to Chester Town in Kent County there to be delivered up to the County Court of the said County that due Enquiry may be made

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Aquila Paca Esqr six hundred and twenty eight Pounds, thirteen shillings and seven Pence due the 28th Batt. of Militia in Harford County Commanded by Lt Col. James Mc Comas as per Pay roll Examined & Passed by the Aud. G^{l}

[Council to Kent Justices.] C. C. p. 189

In Council 17th Augt 1778.

Gent.

We have sent, under Guard, a certain Jonathan Jennings, who was apprehended in Virginia for passing counterfeit Paper Dollars and, as the greater Part of the Money was passed in this State, the County Court for Fairfax County in Virginia thought proper to order him to this State for Trial, inclosed you have the Order of Court respecting him, with the Counterfeit Money and a letter from the Magistrates, with the Evidence against him.

The Justices of
Kent County Court

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[Council to H. Hooper.]

In Council Annapolis Augt 17th 1778.

Sir.

If William Goldby is discharged, it will be proper the State should have the Money he has received as a Substitute and likewise the Bounties, if they have been paid him. We request you will make Enquiry & inform us, by his Return, of these Particulars. We are &^{ca}

Henry Hooper Esqr
L^{t} of Dorchester County

C. B.

Tuesday 18 Augt 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Cap. Bennett Matthews forty Pounds on Account.

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal to Robert Caulfield Master of the Brig Burling, mounting fourteen Carriage Guns four Swivels and eight small Arms Navigated by fifty men 70 Tons burthen belonging to John Sterret Daniel Bowley and others of Baltimore.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to James Hindman two hundred and fourteen Pounds, twelve shillings and one Penny and also the further Sum of Twenty Pounds per Acc^{ts} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl to the A G^{l}

[Plater to Gov. Johnson.]

Sir

Your last Favor is now before us, & we shall pay all due Attention to the Contents. The consideration of your last relative to the Vessel sold by Wm Harrison is before the marine Committee, but it does not appear that Mr Bingham purchased her for the Continent, perhaps for his own private use. The Appearance of a Fleet off Rhode Island drew the Attention of Count D Estaing from that Object, just at the Time an Attack was preparing to be made this will consequently retard the Operations there for some Time. I am with due Respect

Y^{r} Excellency's most ob^{t} Servt

Philadelphia Aug. 18th 1778. Geo. Plater.

Wednesday 19th August 1778.

Present as on yesterday T Sim Lee Esqr Attended the 20th

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Col° William Richardson Nine Pounds to be delivered over to Nathaniel Potter on Acc^t for the Additional Price of Provisions C. B.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Col° John H. Stone one hundred and Eighty Dollars on Acc^t & to be charged to the first Regiment.

Friday 21 August 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Comodore Thos Grason fifty Pounds on Account

Ordered that the Clerk of Baltimore County issue Capias against Daniel Deshon late of said County Mariner to answer unto the State of Maryland in a Plea of Trespass upon the Case respecting the Sloop Molly

[Council to D. Stewart.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 22^d Augt 1778 p. 190

Sir

We have been informed the Sloop Molly was consigned to you by Mr Bingham of Martinique. As she has been sold by the State Agent contrary to the Orders of this Board, the Sale is not confirmed, nor would we wish to come to any Resolution before we have a Conversation with you on the Subject. If its convenient for you to ride down, the Beginning of the next Week, you'll oblige Sir your

humble Serv^ts

David Stewart Esqr
Baltimore

[Council to J. Calhoun.] p. 190

In Council Annapolis 26th August 1778.

Sir.

Inclosed you have a Resolve of the General Assembly, under which we have advertised for Sale, on next Saturday, the Galley on the Stocks in Baltimore. We have not been exactly ascertained of the Charges in building this Vessel; inclosed are all the Papers transmitted to us, relative thereto. Mr Wells, on Application, may be able to give you some further Information: On the Whole, we think you may set her up at £1500 exclusive of the usual Comm^n unless on consulting Mr Wells you find she will stand the State in a larger Sum; in that Case you will act accordingly. It will readily appear that the Work

C. C. &ca charged in the inclosed Accts would cost, at the present Prices, about £4000. We doubt not your doing the best you can for the State, and you will set her up at a higher Price than what is mentioned, if you see proper and at three Months Credit, on Security if required.

We are &ca

James Calhoun Esqr
Baltimore

C. B. Tuesday 25 August 1778

Present as on Friday. Tho Sim Lee Esqr Attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Commodore Grason Twenty eight Pounds, four shillings and five Pence for the use of Joseph Middleton and the further Sum of Twenty seven Pounds ten shillings for the use of James Little per Accts passed by the Prinl Cl. to the A Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Robert Reith, eight Pounds five shillings and eight Pence for 1 Month Attenda as Messenger to the Governor and Council from the 23d July last

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Wasteneys fifteen hundred Pounds for the use of Step. Steward on Acct

Wednesday 26 August 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Doct. John Troup of this State who hath been absent therefrom in France for about seven months last past, and hath lately that is to say within three Months now last past returned into this State appeared before the Council and before them did take repeat and Subscribe the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State Contained in the Act entitled An Act to Punish Certain Crimes and Misdemeanors and to prevent the Growth of Toryism

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colo Thomas Price 14 yds Brittanies, 5 yds Serge Denim for Waistcoat & Breeches with Trimmings, 6 yds Strip'd Linen, one Saddle Cloth and one pair Shoes omitted the 22d Instant

Thursday 27 August 1778.

Present as on Yesterday

It being represented to this Board that Mr John Robert Holliday of this State who has given Evidence of his Attachment thereto, has business of consequence and of a private

nature to transact with Mr. Chamier of New York, Permission is hereby given the said Mr John Robert Holliday to go to his Excellency Genl Washington for the Purpose of obtaining his Consent. C. B.

[Council to W. Hemsley.] C. C. p. 191

Annapolis, In Council 27th Augt 1778.

Sir.

We want about 100 Barrels of Seconds, proper for making Ship Bread Let us know if you can supply that Quantity and your Price as soon as possible

We are &ca

Wm Hemsley Esqr

[Council to R. Morris.]

In Council Annapolis 27th Augt 1778.

Sir.

Your Letter of the 12th Inst to the Maryland Delegates in Congress, is now before us, and we have concluded not to take the Arms, you mention, as you say that no Disappointment will arise to you thereby We are &ca

Honble Robt Morris Esqr
Philadelphia

Saturday 29 August 1778. C. B.

Present as on Thursday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury Eighty five Pounds, one Shilling eight Pence as per Acct passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud. Genl and the further Sum of fifty Pounds on Acct

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Goldsmith seventy seven Pounds, ten shillings per Acct passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Clement Wilson forty three Pounds Eight Shillings per Acct passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Thomas Lewis six Pounds per Acct passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud. Genl

Monday 31 August 1778

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Colo John H. Stone sixty Dollars the Bounty for 11 Recruit on Acct 1 Regiment

C. B. Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to John Bullen one hundred and ninteen Pounds, ten shillings, Balance of Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Joseph Eastman ninty Pounds for the use of Eastman & Neth per Acc't passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the A. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Col^{o} Lemuel Barrett seven hundred and seventy four Pounds, nine shillings and four Pence on Account

Tuesday 1 September 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Col^{o} Charles Rumsey forty three Pounds, for the use of Barach Williams, thirty two Pounds, sixteen shillings and three Pence for the use of Col^{o} Edward Parker, seventy six Pounds, six shillings and nine Pence for the use of Capt. Thomas Savin & his Comp^{y} of Militia and one hundred and fifty seven Pounds, three shillings and ten Pence due himself per Accounts passed by the Principal Cl to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Andrew Stiger two hundred and forty seven Pounds, seven shillings and three Pence per Acc^{ts} passed by the P Cl to A. G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Charles Wallace Esqr five hundred Pounds on account.

Wednesday 2^{d} September 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Charles Downes fifty seven Pounds, twelve shillings and five Pence for the use of Arthur Emory Junr per Acc^{t} passed by the Principal Cl. to the A Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Lieut Edward Wright forty two Pounds eight shillings and ten Pence per Accounts passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to A. G.

Thursday 3^{d} September 1778.

Present as on yest^{y} except E. Lloyd Esqr

Alexander Contee a Native of this State who hath been absent therefrom in South & North Carolina for about 12 months last past & hath lately that is to say within 3 Months last past returned into this State appeared before the Council

& before them did take repeat and Subscribe the Oath of Fidelity & Sup[t] to this State. C. B.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col[o] George Day Scott, fifty four Pounds, eight shillings for the use of Heber Whittingham, Eight Pounds, seven shillings for the use of John Bloodsworth, Twenty eight, three shillings for the use of Sarah Done per Acc[ts] passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l] four Pounds thirteen shillings, and ten Pence half penny for the use of Benjamin Wailes per Acc[t] passed by the Board of Auditors the 7 Jan[y] 1778 and five hundred and forty two Pounds, and two pence on Account.

[Council to W. Whiteley.] C. C. p. 191

In Council Annapolis Sep[t] 3[d] 1778.

Sir.

George Hutton was, in April last adjudged a Vagrant, by Col[o] Haslet of Caroline County; he thinks himself agreived by the Adjudication and appeals to the Governor and Council. We must request you to enquire of Col[o] Haslet upon what Grounds he formed his Opinion and also to take and transmit to this Board, by a safe Opportunity any Depositions you and the Col[o] may think necessary to establish the Adjudication.

We are &[ca]

T. S. Lee.

William Whiteley Esq[r]
L[t] of Caroline County

Friday 4th September 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday. Edward Lloyd Esquire Attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Richard Murrow one hundred and ninteen Pounds, two shillings and three pence due himself and Hands of the Plater per Account passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to A Gen[l]

Saturday 5th September 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Johnson one hundred and sixteen Pounds, eighteen shillings and ten pence per Account passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shaw three hundred and ninty three pounds eight shillings and nine pence per Acc[t] passed by the A. Gen[l]

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde one hundred and four Pounds, three shillings and four pence for five months Attend[a] as Assistant Cl. to the Council from 5 April to this Day.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Judah two hundred and fifty four Pounds five shillings and seven pence per Acc[t] passed by the A. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Clagget three hundred and fifty four Pounds, ninteen shillings and five pence on Account.

Monday 7 September 1778.

Present as on Saturday except T Sim Lee & Edward Lloyd Esquires.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Gale Serge Denim sufficient for a Waistcoat and Breeches with Trimings.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut. William Judah five hundred Pounds on Account.

Capt. Thomas Coward a Native of this State who hath been absent therefrom for about one year and eight months, last past a prisoner on board the British ships, and hath lately that is to say within three months now last past returned into this State appeared before the Council and before them did take repeat and subscribe the Oath of Fidelity and support to this State.

Tuesday 8th September 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Hanson seven Pounds nine shillings and two pence per Account passed by the A Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Paul Gonner Ninty five Pounds thirteen shillings for the use of Thomas Johns per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Cromer, twelve pounds eighteen shillings and three pence and one hundred and twenty seven pounds sixteen shillings and Eight Pence for the use of John Laypold as per Accounts passed by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Campbell, five pounds ten shillings for the use of Lieut Gale and two hundred and Eighty three Pounds, ten shillings due to his Company per Accounts passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Testal, Thirty two Pounds eight shillings and four pence for the use of Captain

Christ° Stull and his C° Twenty seven Pounds, thirteen shillings for the use of Capt. Cresap Thirty five Pounds and six pence, for the use of William Rice and seven Pounds, twelve shillings for the use of Edward Salmon per Accounts passed by the Aud Gen[l] C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crysall seventy five Pounds fourteen shillings for the use of Corn[s] Clopper Jun[r] p[r] Acc[t] passed by A. Gen[l]

[Council to Baltimore Naval Officer.] C. C. p. 191

Annapolis In Council Sept[r] 8th 1778.

Sir.

Col° Wadsworth, Comm[y] Gen[l] of Purchases, writes to us that "two Vessels, (Bermudians) lately sailed from Baltimore, whose Cargoes have been mostly Flour, Bread & Corn, and it is believed much Flour has been smugled out notwithstanding the Embargo." We esteem this a Matter of so much Consequence that we have directed Cap[t] Mathews to proceed up the Bay in one of our State Boats and to bring those Bermudian Vessels into this Harbour if they have left your Port, for further Enquiry, if not, that he may wait on you with this, that proper Steps may be taken, if there are any just Grounds for this Information

To the Naval Officer at Baltimore } We are &[ca]

[Council to Matthews.] p. 192

In Council Sept[r] 8th 1778.

Capt. Mathews is directed to proceed up the Bay & if he meets any Bermudian Vessels outward bound from Baltimore, that he bring them into the mouth of this Harbour and to desire the Masters to wait on the Council. If he should not meet any, he is to proceed to Baltimore and to deliver the Letter to the Naval Officer & to return as soon as possible.

Cap[t] Mathews.

Wednesday 9th September 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday his Excellency Thomas Johnson Esq[r] Attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Peter Bond forty Pounds per Account passed by the Prin[l] Cl to the A Gen[l]

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace one hundred and ninty seven Pounds, eleven shillings per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Bond one thousand three hundred and nine pounds, per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Whereas this Board from Information received have great cause to suspect that several Vessels have loaded and taken on board and are now lading and taking on board within this State, Quantities of Indian Corn, Flour and other Victual for Exportation contrary to the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to prohibit for a Limited time the Exportation of Wheat, fflour, Rye, Indian Corn, Rice, Bread, Beef, Pork, Bacon, Live Stock and other Victual" Wherefore Commodore Thomas Grason, Capt. Thomas Walker, Capt. Bennett Matthews and Capt. John Gordon and any or either of them are by the Governor and Council hereby authorized to take or seize all such of the Commodities not allowed to be exported by the said Act as they or any or either of them shall happen to find know or discover to be laid on board any ship or other Vessel or Boat at Sea or in any Port or in any navigable River or Water to the Intent or Purpose to be exported transported or conveyed out of this State contrary to the true Intent of the said Act, and also the Ship, Vessel or Boat in which the same shall be found and to bring the Goods to some safe and convenient Place near which such Seizure shall be made in order to be proceeded against according to Law

Commissions issued to David Crane app^{d} Captain Saml Bullock first Lieut, Henry Truelock second Lieut, John Williams Ens. of the 13th Batt of Militia in Kent County also to William Knock Capt, William Little first Lieut, Danl Tres. Massey second Lieut and Stephen Mires Ensign of the 27th Batt of Mil^{a} in Kent County also to Stephen Hyland app^{d} Col^{o} Elihu Hall Lieut Col^{o} Baruch Williams Maj^{r} Robert Cother first Lieut, William Corbet second Lieut, George Rhea Ens of Capt Saml Millers Comp^{y} John Patterson first Lieut, John Anderson second Lieut, Jacob Death Ens^{n} of Capt Robert Porter's Comp^{y} James Craford Ens of Capt, William Ewings Comp^{y} William Veazey Capt. in the room of S. Hyland, William Mouldin first Lieut, & Robert Hart second Lieut, belonging to the 30th or Susquehanna Battalion of Mil^{a} in Cecil County also to Thomas Savin Major, Abraham Cazier Capt, Thos Price first Lieut, Jacob Lum second Lieut, & Hannon Anatts Ens^{n} belonging to the 2^{d} or Elk Batt of Mil^{a} in Cecil County.

[Gov. Johnson to W. Bordley.] C. C. p. 192

Annapolis 9th Septr 1778.

Sir.

I communicated your Letter to the Council; they and I are of Opinion it is improper we should promote any Measures for Mr Sluby's coming back again; if he has done any Thing which may subject him to the Penalties of our Laws, our taking such a Step would be an honorary Engagement to interfere in his Favor, which we should not chuse to come into, but on a full Knowlege of all Circumstances. The Depositions you mention have not been produced here, as any of us remember, if any such should, they will not influence in your Disfavour 'til you have an Opportunity of Controverting them.

I am Sir &ca
T. J.

Wm Bordley Esqr
Lt Kent County

[Council to T. Sollers.]

In Council 9th Septr 1778.

Sir.

We understand from several People that a general Suspicion is entertained in Baltimore Town that Cargoes of Flour have been shipped there and exported contrary to the late Act of Assembly; it is said to have happened in so many Instances as to Induce a Suspicion that there must be Negligence in the Execution of the Naval Office, which, we are informed, is wholly done by Deputy.

In a Department in which the United States are so much interested, and the Faith and Honor of this State in particular, is so much concerned, the Public and we, expect the most attentive and vigilant Conduct, and it claims too, the frequent Superintendance and Inspection, at least, of the Principal. We are desirous of seeing you on the Subject of the Execution of your Office and request you'll come to Annapolis to give us the Opportunity.

We are &ca

Thos Sollers Esqr
Naval Offr at Balto

Thursday 10th September 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette Fifty Pounds per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Major Elihu Hall, Thirteen Pounds fifteen shillings, Three hundred and fourteen Pounds, fifteen shillings and nine pence due himself & Sundries ninteen pounds ten shillings for the use of Thomas Coulson and the further Sum of Thirteen Pounds fifteen shillings for the use of John Hartshorn per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. G^{l}

C. C. p. 193 [Gov. Johnson to Gen. Arnold.]

Annapolis 10th Septr 1778

Sir.

In June last, Mr Thomas Seon was sent from this State to Philadelphia; he had been an Officer in the British Service and came out of Philadelphia; he said that he had resigned his Commission and referred to several Gentlemen, who had been Prisoners in Philadelphia, to clear up the Suspicions which were entertained of him here. He was, undoubtedly, discharged by you, either generally or on Terms, and has a pass dated 1 July from Lewis Nichoba Town Major. Mr Bradford Commissary of Prisoners told Capt Campbell that Mr Seon was set at Liberty on Paroll to appear when called on. Mr Seon having returned hither and shewing a Desire to go to the West Indies, the Council and I have enquired of him whether he is not on Paroll, but he says that his Discharge was absolute and that you were fully satisfied by Major Giles and others, that the Suspicions here entertained of him, were groundless. I shall be obliged to you to inform me whether Mr Seon's Discharge was absolute, or, if on Terms what those Terms are.

I am &^{ca} T. J.

General Arnold
Philadelphia

C. B. Friday 11 September 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Littel Thirteen Pounds ten shillings per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Beall five hundred and sixteen pounds, seven shillings and six Pence to be expended in the Purchase of Blankets for the use of Col^{o} Rawlings's Regiment to be charged to the Continent

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Francis Ware, eight hundred and seventy seven Pounds, eight shillings and four Pence and forty four Pounds, ten shillings and ten Pence per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. Genl and the further sum of Eighty

two Pounds, six shillings per Acc^t passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud. Genl C. B.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Thomas Beall 25 Coats, 25 Jackets, & 25 p^r Breeches of Cloth and 4 quire Muskett Cartridge Paper for the use Col^o Rawlings's Regiment

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Thomas Beall scarlet Cloth suff^t to make a Coat & Waistcoat with necessary Trimings, Linen for two shirts, one p^r of shoes and flannel suffic^t for an open Coat

The Gentleman who has the care of the public Lead in Montgomery County is requested to deliver to Capt Thomas Beall for the use of Col^o Rawlings's Reg^t 100^l Lead taking & transmitting to this Board the Capt^s Rec^t that the same may be charged to the Continent

[Circular to Naval Officers.] C. C. p. 193

Circular In Council Annapolis 11th Septr 1778

Sir

From the Information received by this Board, we entertain strong suspicions that the Avarice and Temerity of Individuals will prevent the Salutary Effects of the late Act prohibiting the Exportation of Provisions, unless the Officers of Government are vigilant in their Duty. It belongs to your Department in a particular Manner, to be active in enforcing the observance of Laws respecting our Trade, and we request your Attention in a particular manner to prevent Breaches of the above mentioned Act. It will be well to desire the Captains of Vessels, at the Time of their Clearing, to give in an Account of their Provisions for the Voyage and, if the Quantity appears to you necessary, give a Provision Bill; this Method will prevent the Exportation of Quantities for Sale under Pretence of their being for the use of the Vessel, and secure the fair Trader from the bad Consequences of a difference in Opinion as to what may be necessary for the Voyage.

We are &^ca

To the Naval Officers
of the several Districts

[Council to Luther Martin.] p. 194

In Council 11th Septr 1778

Sir.

In Consequence of Information that several People were exporting Provisions, contrary to the late Act of Assembly, we

c. c. ordered several outward bound Vessels to be searched, in two of which are found, much more Bread and Flour than can be necessary for their Voyages: the Vessels are stopped and we should be glad if, as we suppose, the Duties of your Office necessarily detain you at the General Court, that you would appoint a proper Person to prosecute these Vessels immediately. If your affairs will allow you to leave the General Court, we wish you to come over to prosecute these Vessels as well as to transact some other Public Business we want done against the Meeting of the General Court on this Shore

We are &ca

Luther Martin Esq.
Attorney General

[Council to W. Beatty.]

In Council 11th Septr 1778.

Sir

We understand Colo Rawlings's Men now on Guard at Fort Frederick, are subsisted on fresh Provisions. It must be not only more agreeable to them but conduce to their Health, to have a good Proportion of Salt Meat. We therefore request on Colo Rawlings's Application, you'll deliver to his order any of the Bacon you have purchased which you may yet have on hand, taking Receipts therefor

We are &ca

Colo Wm Beatty

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 11th Septr 1778.

Gent

Inclosed is a Copy of Colo Smith's Letter, by this Post, It is out of our Power to furnish the Maryland Troops with Blankets & Winter Cloathing, it ought to be done immediately, so far as they have not been already supplied. Our Exertions ought to be seconded. Mr Chase wrote the Governor some Time since, that, from the Returns of the Cloathier General he had a sufficiency for 22.000 Men. Are any Troops more deserving than those from this State? If ours deserve well, pray have them cloathed, if not, let their Conduct be at once assigned as the Cause of their being neglected. Be so obliging as to advise us if you can procure Cloathing for our Troops. Colo Sam Smith, who is very attentive, wrote us some Time since, that if the Bounty money was placed in Camp, many of the nine months men

might be engaged for 3 years or the War; we wrote General Washington, requesting he would grant an Order for Money for the Purpose; by his Answer, the Money supplied by the Treasury is barely sufficient to pay the monthly Abstracts and contingent Expences and, if the Military Chest could afford it, he could not order the Advance, without the special Order of Congress. C. C.

The Object seems of Consequence to us and is approved by General Washington. Pray endeavour, by some means or other, to place 20000 Dollars in General Smallwood's Hands, for the Purpose of discharging the State Bounty of 40 Dollars to the Drafts and Substitutes for 9 months at Camp, who will inlist for 3 years or during the War We congratulate you on Gen[l] Sullivan's Retreat which in our Idea is a Stroke of Generalship attended with good Fortune We are &[ca]

Delegates from Maryland
in Congress

Saturday 12th September 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Permission given to the Schooner Chance Ephraim Emerton Master and also to the Brigantine Salisbury Joshua Grafton Master, to load with Flour and Grain within this State for the Consumption of the Eastern States agreeable to a Resolution of Congress of the 2[d] Septem[r] 1778

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to John Mitchell Commander of the Schooner Polly Sudler mounting 6 swivels and 10 small Arms 80 Tons burthen navigated by 25 Men belonging to John M[c]Lure &C[o]

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty the following Sums for the use of the persons thereto annexed per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l] viz. John Carroll £4..10. William Renner £54..6..3 John Simmerman £2..10.. Mary Pickinpaugh 7..10.. Nathan Maynard £2.. .. Jacob Shate £2..5.. Philip Mires £2.. Absalom Bonham £2..15.. Thomas Ogle £16..10. Nich[s] Umstatt £52. Fred Recup £9.. Geo. Zimmerman £19..10 William Winchester £3..9..3 Col[o] Baker Johnson £92..5..6 Capt. Jacob Crist & his Comp[y] £127..8..4 Capt. Biggar Head & his C[o] £107..11..8 and Capt. Richard Haff £91.. ..

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Flemming four Pounds ten shillings for a Gun

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esq. Ninty six Pounds five shillings for his Attendance in Council to this Inst. inclusive

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bolton four hundred Pounds on Account

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[Circular to Naval Officers.]

Circular In Council Annapolis 12th Septr 1778

Sir.

We yesterday received a Resolution of Congress, of which the inclosed is a Copy The Recommendations from the Eastern States, we expect, will be laid before this Board and Permission obtained from hence for the lading provisions agreeable to the Recommendation & Resolve before any are suffered to be taken on Board and to prevent, as far as may be any Frauds and at the same Time give the best Security to those who are allowed to carry Provisions to the Eastern States against Captures. We request you will indorse your Certificates of the Clearance of such Vessels on the Permissions which are granted here, keeping a Copy of such Permissions in your Office for your Justification

We are &ca

To the Naval Officers.

[Council to Jenifer.]

In Council Annapolis 12th Septr 1778.

Sir.

Yours of the 31st last, reached us to Day. Our former Letter, we hope, prevented your going on in Purchases for the Continent. We hoped that there would be no Occasion for extraordinary Exertions to procure Provisions for the Army and, from Colo Blane's Letter, which we received this Day, we have the Satisfaction to find that the Quantity of Beef already purchased is abundant. Your very commendable Activity has greatly obliged the Public and us and will be the strongest Inducement to request your further Favors, if the Public should need your Assistance.

We are &ca

Daniel Jenifer Esqr

C. B.

Monday 14 September 1778.

Present as on Saturday

Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to John Earle Commander of the Sloop Rutledge, mounting 4 swivels and 6 small Arms 30 Tons burthen navigated by 10 Men owned by Benjamin Crockett & others, Josiah Hill Com. of the Sloop Mercury mounting 11 Carriage Guns, 4 Swivels and 16 small Arms 60 Tons burthen navigated by 45 Men belonging to Isaac Vanbiber & others John Winning Comr of the Sloop Fly, mounting 10 Carriage Guns 10 swivels and 20

Musketts 90 Tons burthen navigated by 50 Men belonging to William Patterson, and also to James Handy Com^r of the Sloop Abingdon mounting 8 Carriage Guns, 4 Swivels and 16 small Arms, 50 Tons burthen navigated by 14 Men and belonging to Saml and Robert Purviance &C^o C. B.

[Council to J. Thomas.] p. 196

In Council 14th Septr 1778.

Sir.

The Terms on which you proposed to go in the Defence to France appearing to us very high, we made what Enquiry we had an Opportunity into the Terms given by the Merchants for the like Voyage, and propose, if agreeable to you, to allow thirty Pounds a Month to be paid here, the Wages to be paid up to the Time of sailing from hence and considered as due to your Arrival in France. On the Event of your arriving there, fifty Pounds Currency to be paid here for Cabbin Stores from hence, the Freight of six Hogsheads of Tobacco, sixty Pounds Sterling to be paid in France and half a Crown Sterling a Day whilst in a foreign Port, the same Quantity of Freight in as out, ten Pounds Sterling to be paid in France for Cabbin Stores there and one Half the Passage Money, if any Cabbin Passengers, this to be full of all Wages, Privileges and Perquisites whatever, and is considerably better than any Allowance we hear of and 30 ꝑ C^t better than many, equal to the Business, have accepted. If you accept, we shall be glad of having your Assistance as soon as may be, and if our Offer should not be agreeable to you, we wish your Answer, that we may endeavour to get a Captain without Loss of Time.

We are &^ca

Capt James Thomas.

Tuesday 15th September 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday. Edwd Lloyd Esqr Attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Jacques Bagues eleven Pounds, three shillings and four Pence, per Acc^t passed by the A G^l

That the said Treasurer pay to John Gibson twenty one Pounds per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Com^y of Stores deliver to Lieu^t Jacques Bagues one pair of Shoes.

C. B. Wednesday 16th September 1778

Present as on yesterday except Danl Carroll Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Crysall one hundred and three pounds, for the use of Robt Clarke per Acct passed by A. G.

Permission given to the Brigantine Friendship Thomas Parker Master and also the Sloop Susannah, Davis Hatch Master to load with Flour and Grain within this State for the consumption of the Eastern States

Thursday 17th Septemr 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Husk twenty eight Pounds for the use of Andrew Grangett per Account passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Como Thomas Grason twenty five Pounds for the use of Danl Freine per Acct passed by the A Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Zephaniah Turner seven Pounds, seventeen shillings and ten Pounds for the use of Major Saml Hanson per Accounts passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

C. C. p. 196 [Council to Hooe.]

In Council Annapolis 17th Septr 1778.

Sir.

We have delivered Mr Harrison Bills of Exchange payable in Paris for the Value of £2400 sterling. We hope and expect that £2200 of it will pay off fully Mr Harrison's Claim against this State, the other £200 we should be glad you would take for £1000 our Money, the Terms on which we bought the whole. Mr Harrison has with him, a Copy of the Receipt he gave for the Bills; we do not know any Thing of the Exchange at Martinico, but suppose Circumstances concur to make it in Favor of Bills. We shall be obliged to you to mention to Mr Harrison, the disadvantageous Terms on which we purchased them and our Hopes that he will be able to sell them well. We do not think we can, with Justice to the Public, confirm Mr Harrison's Sale of the General Smallwood; your Offer in your Letter of the 29th of August, we esteem fair, and shall be obliged to you to send her round immediately to us, and to send us, as soon as you can, your Accounts on this disagreeable Subject. We are &ca

Colo Robert T. Hooe
Alexandria

[Council to J. Rogers.] C. C.
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Annapolis In Council 17th Septr 1778

Sir.

We have wrote Mr Hooe that we do not consent to the Sale of the Genl Smallwood, and have desired him to give her up to you; we request you will bring her to this Place as soon as possible

We are &ca

Capt John Rogers

[Council to Prest. Laurens]

In Council Annapolis 17th Septr 1778

Sir.

Yesterday the Governor received your Letter of the twelfth, covering the Resolution of Congress of the eleventh Instant. We are sorry that Congress should esteem any such Resolution necessary; the End would have been fully answered by communicating the Information received; the Person who gave that Information to Congress, could not have the least Reason to imagine that the same Information to us, would not, without the Intervention of Congress, have been properly attended to, nor could he but suppose that the sooner we were apprized of an Infraction upon the Embargo, the greater the Probability would be of the Offenders suffering due Punishment. As soon as we had any Intimation that a Breach of our Act was committed, vigorous Measures were taken, many outward bound Vessels were strictly searched, in one of them 32 Barrels of indifferent Flour, more than we judged necessary was discovered, she is an armed Vessel of considerable Force, is owned by Gent of So. Carolina & St Eustatia, she was ordered to load with Tobacco, the Owners & Consignee, we are satisfied, were entirely innocent and the Capt did not appear to us to be blameable further than for not having an Eye strict enough on his Sailors who, we believe, stowed it in the Vessel without his Knowlege, for their own Ventures; we therefore thought Proper to remit the Forfeiture of the Vessel, on the thirty two Barrels of Flour being given up. From the Searches which have been made under our Orders and this being the only Instance of an Excess worth any Notice, we are induced to conclude that the Practice of eluding the Prohibition has not been so common as was represented to us and, we suppose, to Congress. Two Bermudian Vessels which were said to have been loaded principally with Flour, came from Baltimore and missed the Officer we sent up; we sent a Galley after them, but without Success. In Consequence of the Resolution of Congress,

C. C. inclosed in your Letter of the fifth Instant and agreeable to Recommendations & Certificates from the Massachusett's Bay, several Vessels from that State have obtained Permissions to load here with Grain and Flour

We are Sir with very Great Respect &ca

His Excelly Henry Laurens
Presdt of Congress

p. 198 [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 17th Septr 1778.

Gentlemen.

By the last post, we received the Resolution of Congress, of the 2d Instant, for giving Permission to the Eastern States to export Grain &ca from hence to their own States; in Consequence of it, several Permissions are already granted: We do not know the Reason wherefore the Exportation is entirely confined to the Eastern Bottoms, and should be glad the Congress would revise the Resolution and permit our own People, if they please to export to the Eastern States, on the like Securities for landing their Cargoes. We cannot imagine that the Assembly will approve the Carriage of our Produce being exclusively thrown into the Hands of the Inhabitants of any of the other States: we wish a Continuance of the Embargo, and the detestable Practices of the Ingrossers, have made it the more necessary, indeed it is to be hoped that the Assembly will interfere to make them part from the Grain and Flour they have got into their Hands, for the use of the Army and our own Inhabitants. We yesterday received a Letter from the President with the Resolution of the eleventh from whence it may be inferred, Congress have had an exaggerated Account of Infractions upon the Embargo and, what cannot but be mortifying, coming to any Resolution on the Subject, looks as if Congress thought it necessary, not only to inform the Executive of the Fact, but to spur us to our Duty, than which, nothing can be more wanting in Truth. Immediately on its being said that Flour was shipping at Baltimore, every Step was taken which could be thought of to detect, punish and prevent, but, possibly, the Informer, we do not know who he is, might not so much care for any good Effect following from his Information, as to raise a Cry against Maryland; we have had many such Whigs in this State and the Neighbourhood of it. We are sorry to be informed, as we have been lately, by Letters from some of the Maryland Officers, that they have not been able to get Cloaths or Blanketts from the Continental Stores; it is high Time that those who were clad

here in Linen had cloth and that they all had Blanketts. We C. C.
yesterday purchased two hundred Blanketts and have about P. 199
four hundred suits of Cloaths nearly made up, which we shall send to the Maryland Troops, unless you can get them immediately furnished and shall purchase, at any Time what further may be necessary, for Policy and Humanity bid us not to rely longer on the Cloathier General, and we shall charge the Cost, let it be what it will, to the Continent.

Saturday Morning.

The Post arrived this morning and goes out again at 10 o'Clock: we have no Letter from you. Be so obliging as to write us on the Subject of Cloathing for our Troops, and also whether you can place Money at Camp, for the Inlistment of the Drafts &ca It is very disagreeable and inconvenient for the Post to go out always in a few Hours after his coming in; the same Man is employed to ride from Philadelphia to this Place, we wish you to have it altered. Jonathan Parker would ride to and from Baltimore and, if he received the Mail in any reasonable Time in Baltimore, would come to this Place on Thursday Night.

We are Gent &ca

The Delegates from
Maryland in Congress

Friday 18 Septemr 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

John Peckham 1 Lieut, of the Galley Chester Resigns his Commission which is accepted in Council—he afterwards accepted and is permitted to go a Voyage to France his pay ceasing until he returns.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Peckham ninteen Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence per Acct passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud. General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Commodore Thomas Grason forty six Pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence for the use of James Littell per Acct passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud. Genl

Saturday 19 September 1778

Present as on yesterday

Lieut. Samuel Gerock of the Matrosses in Baltimore resigns his Commission which was accepted in Council

C. B. Commissions dated 15 Augt last, issued to Henry Bateman appointed Capt, John Sears first Lieut, Robert Lusby second Lieut, Robert Davidge Ens. Joseph Warfield second Lieut, John Marriott Ens. of Capt. Phil^{o} Warfields C^{o} Benjamin Fish second Lieut. Zach^{a} Jacobs Ens of Capt. John Boones C^{o} Joshua Meriken Capt. John Walker first Lieut and John Shaw second Lieut belonging to the Severn Batt of Mil^{a} in Ann Arundel County

It being represented to this Board by Maj. Nathl Smith that the Boom at Baltimore cannot be made serviceable in the Defence of that Town without incurring a Considerable Expence in repairing it and that the Iron fixt to it would now sell for a Large Sum of Money and that it is the opinion of himself and of many of the Principal Inhabitants of Baltimore Town that it would be prudent and to the Advantage of the Public to sell the materials of the said Boom

This Board concurring in that Opinion request Maj. Smith to sell the Materials of the said Boom, receive the Money and remit the same into the Treasury for the use of the Public transmiting an Account thereof to this Board

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Maj. Nat. Smith one hundred pair of Shoes for the use of the Matrosses in Baltimore

Major Nathl Smith is hereby authorized to take or Seize all such of the Commodities not allowed to be exported by the Act entitled "An Act to prohibit for a limited time the Exportation of Wheat, Flour, Rye, Indian Corn, Rice, Bread, Beef, Pork, Bacon live Stock and other Victual" as he shall happen to find know or discover to be laid on board any Ship or other Vessel or Boat at Sea or in any Port or in any Navigable River or water to the Intent or Purpose to be exported transported or conveyed out of this State contrary to the true intent of the said Act and also the Ship Vessel or Boat in which the same shall be found and to bring the Goods to some safe and convenient place near which such seizure shall be made in order to be proceeded against according to Law

C. C.
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[Council to T. Sollers]

In Council 19th Septr 1778

Sir. vide N° 311.

The above is a Copy of ours of the 9th, we expected to have seen you on the Subject of it before this Time and have to repeat our Request that you'll attend us.

We are &^{ca}

Thos Sollers Esqr
Nav^{l} Off^{r} Balt^{o}

Monday 21 September 1778 C. B.

Present as on Saturday

Permission given to the Sloop Hannah, Paul Hussey Master to Load with Flour and Grain within this State for the Consumption of the Eastern States agreeable to a Resolution of Congress of the 2nd September 1778

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Maw seven Pounds ten shillings per Acct passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Comr Thomas Grason Twenty eight Pounds, ten shillings for the use of John Rister per Acct passed by A Gl

That the said Treasurer Pay to John Bullen four hundred and sixty six Pounds, eighteen Shillings and Seven Pence and also the further Sum of two hundred and Seventy nine Pounds, sixteen shillings and Six Pence per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

Tuesday 22d September 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robt Ridge fifty Pounds, ten shillings & nine Pence per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Lieut Edwd Gale eight Pounds one shilling & four Pence per Acct passed by A. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lt Gale 18 pr Shoes for the use of Capt Campbell's Co of Matrosses.

Wednesday 23d September 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the W. S. Treasurer pay to Thos Kirby two pounds five shillings for the use of John Annis per Acct passed by A Gl

Capt. John Nicholls of Talbot County in the State of Maryland who hath been absent therefrom for about eight or nine Months last past and hath lately that is to say, within three Months now last past returned into this State appeared before the Council and before them did take repeat and subscribe the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State contained in the Act entitled "An Act to punish certain Crimes and Misdemeanors and to prevent the Growth of Toryism."

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt Thomas Coursey five hundred and seventy five Pounds, two shillings, and Eleven pence on Account of the Chester Galley per Accot passed by the Aud. Genl

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to William Logan Thirty seven shillings and six Pence per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

By his Excellency Thomas Johnson Esqr Govr of Maryland.

A Proclamation.

Whereas the house of Senate stands adjourned to the first Monday in November next, and the house of Delegates stands Adjourned to the third Day of October. I have thought proper that the General Assembly of this State should meet on Monday the ninteenth Day of October next, and do therefore in Virtue of the Power with which I am invested by the Constitution and Form of Government, hereby Appoint the said Ninteenth Day of October for the meeting and holding the General Assembly, of which the several Sheriffs within this State are hereby enjoined to give public and due Notice

Given at Annapolis this Twenty third Day of September Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight

By his Excellency's Command } Th Johnson
T. Johnson Junr Sec^{ry} } God save the State

Thursday 24 September 1778

Present as on yesterday except James Brice Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reith eight Pounds six shillings & Eight Pence for 1 M^{o} Attend^{a} as Messenger to the Govr & Council from the 23^{d} Augt last

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Henry Geddes Commander of the Sloop Richmond mounting two Carriage Guns, six Cohorns and six small Arms navigated with 12 Men, 60 Tons burthen belonging to Samuel and Robert Purviance & Co Baltimore.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Doct. John Johnson Cloth for a Great Coat with Trimmings.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Alex^{a} Furnival 44 Blanketts for the use of his Comp^{y}

That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt Alexander Furnival one hundred and ninty eight Pounds, eight shillings and one penny due his Comp^{y} and the further Sum of Twelve Pounds for the use of Com^{s} Garretson per Acc^{ts} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the A G^{l}

Friday 25 September 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Alex. Furnival two hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Sam[l] Gerock on Acc[t]

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Thirty pounds per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Saturday 26th September 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Michael Foy Forty Pounds, two shillings per Acc[t] passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the A Gen[l]

Monday 28th September 1778

Present as on Saturday. Daniel Carroll Esquire Attended

On the Petition of William West of Dorchester County and the Deposition of Solomon West and Charles Carter, lodged therewith, there appearing good ground to believe that the Inlistment of the said William West was not voluntary but that great violence was used towards him and Measures highly unjustifiable were taken to compel him to Inlist. It is therefore Ordered by this Board that the said W[m] West be not taken or in any manner treated as a Soldier or Deserter til the Matter be fully heard by this Board or the further Order of this Board be obtained.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Sam[l] Poole three Pounds for the use of Emanuel Brewer per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury one hundred and twenty one Pounds, seven shillings and ten pence per Acc[t] passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury fifty Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct. Cheney nine Pounds, four shillings and nine Pence and also the further Sum of two Pounds eighteen shillings and six Pence per Acc[ts] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace two thousand five hundred and sixty one Pounds, five shillings and three Pence due Wallace Davidson and Johnson per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Green eight Pounds, twelve shillings and six Pence per Acc[t] passed by the Aud Gen[l]

C. B. Tuesday 29th September 1778

Present as on yesterday. James Brice Esqr Attended.

James Jaffray of Baltimore County in the State of Maryland who hath been absent therefrom in Parts beyond the Seas for about fourteen Months last past and Clement Waring of Prince Georges County in the State aforesaid who hath been absent therefrom in parts beyond the Seas for about three years last past and hath lately that is to say within three Months now last past returned into this State, appeared before the Governor and Council and before them did severally take repeat and Subscribe the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State contained in the Act entitled "An Act to punish certain Crimes and Misdemeanors & to prevent the Growth of Toryism."

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Danl Munro Thirty Pounds fifteen shillings and fifteen Pounds, the last Sum for the use of Silvester Gaither per Acts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer Pay to Roger Jones eighteen Pounds six shillings and ten Pence, six Pounds, fourteen shillings & seven Pence Thirteen Pounds fifteen shillings and four Pence and Eleven Pounds for the use of himself and Compy Guards per Accts passed by the Aud Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Doct. Benjamin Kirby five Pounds ten shillings for the use of James Barnes per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

Two of the Public Offices in the Stadt House being so far fitted that they may conveniently be made use of for the Reception and keeping Books and Papers therein. It is ordered that all Books and Papers belonging to the Secretary's Office now the General Court Office and also all Books and Papers belonging to the Land Office be removed into the said Offices in the Stadt House under the care of the Clerk of the General Court and Register of the Land Office respectively and that the State Waggons be employed in the removing the said Books and Papers.

Wednesday 30 September 1778.

Present as on yesterday except Edward Lloyd.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Daniel Munro Cloathing & Blankets for two Recruits of the first Regiment & one Shirt, one pair Shoes and one pair Stockings for himself and to be charged to the above Regimt

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Commodore Grason one thousand two hundred and forty four Pounds six shillings and eleven Pence for the Pay of the Chester Galley,

Thirty seven Pounds, ten shillings for the use of Thomas Calvert and also the further Sum of one hundred and twenty four Pounds, fifteen shillings due to Dan[l] Bowley for Cordage per Acc[ts] passed by the Aud. Gen[l] C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde six Pounds for the use of Frederick Holtsman, ninteen Pounds, ten shillings for the use Jacob Crist and twelve Pounds for the use of Angel Morningstar per Accounts passed by the Aud Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Solomon Sparrow four hundred and seventy four Pounds per Account passed by the Auditor General

James Hannesey who was sent to Camp as a Vagrant from Frederick County, returned by Gen[l] Smallwood and sent on board the Gallies Appearing to be unfit for Duty is hereby discharged from the Service

Thursday 1 October 1778

Present as on Yesterday except his Excellency

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Joseph Cowman Jun[r] Seventy Pounds per Acc[t] passed by the Aud Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer Pay to Charles Downes Twenty one Pounds five Shillings and four Pence for the use of Thomas Dawson per Acc[ts] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Downes Ten Pounds, five Shillings for the use of Samuel Wickes per Acc[t] passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to A G[l]

Friday 2[d] October 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Josiah Tannehill Adjnt. to Col[o] Rawlings Regiment Cloth for 1 suit of Cloaths with Trimings, 2 pair of Shoes, 2 pair of Stockings and Linnen for 2 Shirts

[Council to J. Calhoun.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis Oct[r] 2[d] 1778. p. 199

Sir

We want to know what Number of Blanketts can be procured in Baltimore; please to make Inquiry and inform us of the Prices, Quality and Sizes, engage if you can, the Preference to the State, our Answer will be given immediately. We shall be glad to know if the Galley on the Stocks was sold. We have heard that M[r] Smith has Blanketts at 12 Dollars.

We are &[ca]

James Calhoun Esq[r]

C. B. Saturday 3d October 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Cowman Junr Thirty three pounds per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Ashmead seventeen pounds, ten shillings per Acct passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Dallam six hundred and ninety seven Pounds, nine shillings and four pence half penny to be delivered over to Richard Dallam per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

Tuesday 6th October 1778

Present as on Saturday. T Sim Lee Esquire Attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Reubin Meriweather, Twelve Pounds, seven shillings and four Pounds ten shillings for the use of Mordecai Selby, four pounds ten shillings for the use of John Hood and the further Sum of four pounds, ten shillings for John Hood junr per Acct pass'd by the Aud Gl

Wednesday 7 October 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Logan Twenty five pounds per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Cromer one hundred and thirty Pounds three shillings and Eight pence and also the further sum of Twenty seven Pounds, fifteen shillings and six Pence for the use of John Laypole per Acctts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Commodore Thomas Grason Twenty seven Pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Richard Smith and Twelve pounds ten shillings for the use of Daniel Friend per Acctts passed by A Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac McHard Ten Pounds per Acctts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis T Cheney one hundred and fifty one Pounds for the use of Doct. Andrew Francis Cheney per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith seven pounds fifteen shillings and seven Pence per Acct passed by the Auditor Genl and one hundred and fifty Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Twelve Pounds per Acct passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Duvall of the sec^d Reg^t Cloth and Trimmings for a Suit of Cloaths and great Coat & 472 yards Coarse Linen. C. B.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Saml Sadler of Capt. Furnivals Comp^y of Matrosses 2 Shirts and 8 yards Cloth with suitable Trimmings.

Thursday 8th October 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Elie Vallette Twenty five Pounds for one Month's Salary as Principal Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Nevin two hundred and eighty six pounds, one shilling & nine pence for the use of Nevin & Co per Acc^t pass'd by the A G^l

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Zephaniah Turner Esquire one hundred Pounds on Account.

Commissions of Letters of Marque & Reprisals issued to John Wainwright Master of the Sloop Ranger, burthen 40 Tons mounting 7 Carriage and one Swivel Gun and 11 small Arms navigated with 15 Men belonging to himself and also to Joseph Vesey Master of the Sloop Adriana, burthen 60 Tons mounting 9 Carriage and 6 Swivel Guns & 36 small Arms, navigated with 47 Men belonging to himself & North & Trescot of South Carolina.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Gale 18 pair Shoes for Capt. Campbell's Comp^y of Matrosses.

Friday 9th October 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Graham one hundred and forty two pounds, ten shillings per Acc^t passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Com. Thomas Grason one thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Stonestreet sixty six Pounds as Adjnt. to the Militia per Acc^t passed by the Aud Genl

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Nathaniel Cooper Commander of the Sloop Lady Washington 80 Tons burthen mounting 6 Carriage Guns, navigated by 12 Men belonging to Isaac & Abraham Vanbibber & John Crockett and John Muir.

C. C.
p. 200

[Council to J. Calhoun.]

In Council Annapolis 9th Octr 1778.

Sir

We have received yours of the 5th Ins^t The Prices you have mentioned of the Blanketts, appear to us extravagant. We request you to purchase one Thousand for which you may give as far as six Pounds, if good. The Quality must govern the Price. It will be agreeable to us to be informed of the Prices of such other Articles as are proper for the Army. The Sale of the Galley is satisfactory.

We are &^ca

James Calhoun Esqr

C. B.

Monday 12th October 1778

Present as on Friday except T. S. Lee Esqr

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Campbell Cloth suff^t for a Great Coat with proper Trimmings

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Com. Thos Grason three hundred & forty six Pounds, ninteen shillings & six Pence due the Crew of the Conqueror Galley per Acc^t passed by the Aud Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt John Gordon one hundred and twelve pounds fifteen shillings and ten Pence and also the further Sum of Five Pounds ten shillings per Acc^ts passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac Harris six hundred and three Pounds, five shillings per Acc^t passed by the Aud Genl

Tuesday 13th October 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esqr Paym^r one hundred and ninty seven Pounds, two shillings and six Pence per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Wednesday 14th October 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to John Baldwin Commander of the Schooner Lively 50 Tons Burthen, mounting 8 Swivels and 8 Small Arms, navigated by 12 men belonging to Samuel Roddy and James Martin of Maryland and Blair Mc Clennaghan

Thursday 15 October 1778 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Hanson McPherson Eight Pounds ten Shillings for the use of Thomas Spalding per Acct Passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Brown of the Artillery a Suit with Trimmings and a Waistcoat for a Soldier in his Compy to be chd to him.

Friday 16th October 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Philip Fenwick six Pounds eighteen shillings & six Pence for the use of Enoch Fenwick and five Pounds ninteen shillings and Eleven Pence for the use of William Rapeir and his Compy per Accts passed

Commissions of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to William Thomas Commander of the Schooner Molly 60 Tons burthen mounting 6 Carriage Guns four Swivels and 16 small Arms navigated by 10 Men belonging to Archibald Patison and Compy of Dorchester County—and also to William Bowin Commander of the Schooner Swallow 30 Tons burthen mounting 4 Howitz 4 Swivels & 6 small Arms navigated by 12 men belonging to Saml & Robt Purviance & Young & Knox Balto°

[Council to J. Henry.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis Octr 16th 1778. p. 200

Sir.

We have immediate Occasion for some Commissions of Letters of Marque which we request you to forward as soon as Convenient.

We are &ca

The honble John Henry Esqr
at Congress

Saturday 17 October 1778 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western Shore Treasurer pay to Philip Fenwick twelve pounds sixteen shillings for the use of Alexander Watts & his Compy per Acct passed by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hanson McPherson

C. B. Thirty two Pounds thirteen shillings and eleven pence for the use of John Hanson & his Comp^{y} per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Beall five Pounds & twenty Pounds, ten shillings due himself and also the further Sum of Nine Pounds for the use of Michael Luther per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Callahan Thirty six Pounds one Shilling & three pence per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Stone Esqr sixty nine pounds, eight shillings & seven pence for Atten^{e} in Congress per Acc^{t} passed by A. G^{l}

Monday 19th October 1778.

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty the following Sums for the use of the Persons thereto annexed per Accounts passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl Jacob Isenberger Two pounds fifteen shillings. Philip Culman Three Pounds fifteen shillings. Daniel Ragan seven pounds, thirteen shillings. Thomas Neil one pound. Christian Rode four pounds ten shillings Arthur Nelson Ten Pounds, ten shillings, Jane Waters, four pounds one shilling & four pence. Robert Edwards, four Pounds, seven shillings & six pence and Richard Haff & his Comp^{y} ninty three pounds six shillings & eight pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Callahan eight pounds five shillings and ten pence per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the A Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr forty four pounds eight shillings for the use of Samuel Chester per Account passed by the Aud Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Aquila Paca Esqr one hundred and four Pounds for the use of Richard Dallam per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. General.

Tuesday 20th October 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Erasmus Uhler six Pounds for riding Express from Baltimore with a Resolve of Congress and also the further Sum of one hundred and seventy six Pounds nine shillings and six Pence per Account passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

[J. Henry Jr to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

Philadela Oct. the 20th 1778.

Dear Sir

I had the Honor of writing to you yesterday in the morning. Since that Time the following Intelligence recd from Lord Sterling has changed the opinions of most Gentlemen with respect to the immediate operations of the Enemy.

"A certain Capt Clure who was taken sometime since by the Enemy in a merchant Ship, came out of New York yesterday, and gave me more particular Intelligence then I have been able to procure. He says that two hundred and fifty sail of Transport are prepared for the reception of Troops. The Embarcation is in part begun. All the heavy Iron Cannon from the Batteries are shiped. Sixteen Sail of the Line to go on what they call the grand Expedition.

I have this moment received the report of the Officer I have fixed at Amboy to watch the motions of the Enemy. He says Oct. the 16th twelve ships fell down to Sandy Hook. Oct. the 17th early in the morning about one hundred Sail of Ships of War and Transports fell down to the Hook. Their grand movement is on the point of taking place, and I hope to be able to morrow to know their Destination."

There is in the Secretary's office twenty copies of the first and second Volumes of the proceedings of Congress; If it is agreeable to the Assembly, I will have them packed up and sent by way of Cristeen to Annapolis.

The Flag that was coming to this City with the Manifesto and proclamation from the Commissioners is cast away on the Jersey shore. Two officers and ten more were saved. They had three pickets which were lossed. If the General Assembly is now sitting you will be pleased to communicate this intelligence to them. I wrote to the Speaker yesterday and gave him the news of the Day which was not as perfect as the present, which I believe may be depended on.

I am at present alone and from the important Business before Congress, respecting our finances and foreign affairs, earnestly desire a representation as soon as any of my Colleagues can possibly attend.

I am Sir with great respect to you and the Council

Your most obedient and very
hble Servt
J. Henry Junr

The Letter from Sterling was dated on Saturday last.

C. B. Wednesday 21 October 1778

Present as on yesterday and His Excellency & Edwd Lloyd Esq.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn one hundred and twenty Pounds seven shillings and nine pence and also the further Sum of Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings per Acc^{ts} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to A. Genl

Original. [J. Henry J^{r} to Gov. Johnson.]

In Congress Oct. the 21th 1778

Dear Sir

I have this moment received from the President of Congress, the inclosed Copy of a Confession of a pilot on board the Flag Ship that was cast away on the Jersey Shore.

I gave you yesterday the best intelligence we have respecting the motions of the Enemy. I believe we may rest assured that Boston is the object of their destination.

I shall continue to give you the earliest account we have.

I am Sir with great respect
Your most ob^{dt} and h^{ble}
Servt J. Henry.

Copy. [Declaration of Whiltbank.]

Abraham Whiltbank of Lewistown Pilot, says—

That in consequence of an application from the Refugees on New York, Long Island and Staten Island to have Arms put into their hands, an Association Paper was opened at each of those places which 700 Persons had signed when he left New York on the 8th Octr and it was expected they could procure 3000, as they were confident that a sufficient number would associate in a very short time to enable them to compel the rest who might have objections.

They propose

To land somewhere to the Southward (Fenwicks' Island had been mentioned but I think from the beating of the surf they will be obliged to go more southerly) from whence they are to proceed up the Eastern shore, and so thro' the Countries of Newcastle Kent and Sussex on Delaware where they expect to be joined by a very considerable number of the inhabitants. If they should not be able to make a Land, the ships will be ready to take them off again. One of their principal objects in this expedition is to get possession of property as a reparation for the losses they have suffered by their attachment to

the cause of Britain. They likewise talked of landing at another place called Musk Melon near Cape Henlopen. They are to have the priviledge of choosing their own officers, and to be provided with Arms and Accoutrements and a sufficient quantity of Provision to last them until they get through the British Lines, afterwards they are to shift for themselves, and be no farther charge to the British Government. Some of them were afraid that General Clinton would take advantage of their signing this Association by keeping them as a Garrison for New York &c. but they hoped they would be permitted to go upon this their favorite Expedition, they being so well acquainted with that part of the Country. Copy.

The above was a public proposal made on the Commons by a person not dress'd like an Officer. I remarked that he squinted.

Phil[a] 20th October 1778.

Thursday 22[d] October 1778 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer Esq[r] eight thousand six hundred and ninteen pounds Seventeen Shillings and Eleven pence for Goods purchased by the Governor & council of J. M. Nesbitt & C° for this State per their Order to Geo: Meade & C° assigned to Major Jenifer

Capt Joshua Lunn of the State of Maryland who hath been absent therefrom in parts beyond the Seas for about eleven Months last past and hath lately that is to say within three Months last past returned into this State appeared before the Governor & Council and before them did take repeat and Suscribe the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State contained in the Act entitled An Act to punish certain Crimes and Misdemeanors and to prevent the Growth of Toryism.

Friday 23[d] October 1778.

Present as on yesterday and Tho[s] Sim Lee Esq[r]

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Sewall, fifteen Pounds per Acc[t] passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud: Gen[l]

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Amoss ten Pounds three shillings and four pence due himself and two pounds seventeen shillings and nine for the use of Aquila Parker per Acc[ts] passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud: Gen[l]

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to John Chevier fourteen pounds ten shillings per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander M[c]Callum Twenty pounds seven shillings and three pence per Account passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Amoss eighty nine pounds, twelve shillings per Account passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

Doct. Joseph Diggs of this State having for some time past been in bad Health and being desirous of going to Bermuda for the recovery of his health hath hereby Permission to go on the said Voyage.

It being represented to this Board by M[r] James Dick that several pieces of Business which were under the Management of M[r] Anthony Stewart now in New York and also Business in which both of them are interested are likely to suffer unless some papers respecting those Matters can be obtained from M[r] Stewart and a Conversation had with him on those Subjects. The Governor and Council therefore on M[r] Dicks Application request that his Excellency Gen[l] Washington or any other Continental General commanding a convenient out Post will Permit and as far as convenient facilitate an Interview between M[r] Charles Stewart and Anthony Stewart on the Lines for the purpose of Obtaining the papers mentioned above and what Information and Instruction may be necessary for conducting and managing the said Business.

The like request was made and Permission given to Thomas Russell to go to New York on Private Business.

Saturday 24 October 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Eight Pounds six shillings and eight pence for one Months Salary as Messenger to the Governor and Council from the twenty Third of September last.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer [pay to] James Hutchings Forty one Pounds per Account passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac Webster Twenty six Pounds for the use of John Moale per Account passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the A. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Jun[r] Eighty three pounds, six shillings & Eight pence for 4 Months Salary as Cl. to the Gov[r] and Council due the 20 Inst. and also the further Sum of four pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence per Acco[t] passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson] Original.

Camp New Hackensack Oct. 24th 1778

Dear Sir

At the time I wrote you on the 26th September I was led to suppose that the Eight Thousand Dollars advanced by General Washington was intended to pay the State Bounty of Forty Dollars, to such of the nine months men, as might inlist in Consequence of my Application on that head, as he did not at that time point out any other mode of Applying it, but since I have recd his instructions to apply it to the Payment of the Continental Bounty, and I have now no expectations of obtaining a Sum from that Quarter for this purpose, which induces me to embrace this opportunity by Colo Richardson of requesting that you would as early as possible provide and transmit a Sum for this purpose, which with the Continental Bounty, would induce many of these men to enter, who otherwise may be lost to the State, the Supply of Cloathing promised by the State might obviate another Objection. We cannot with propriety furnish such of these men who decline inlisting, with continental Cloathing, and leave such of the Soldiery who are engaged for three years and during the War destitute, tho' as an encouragement all those who inlist are immediately supplied with a good suit, and the old Soldiery wait the arrival of more Ample Supplies which Genl Washington assures me are on the road from the Eastward; it would therefore be well for the State to avoid procuring the deficient Cloathing (except Blanketts) enumerated in my late returns transmitted on the 26th Septemr as the prospect of a General and Ample Supply for the Soldiery is flattering and I am told certain, but it is probable our officers will want Cloathing much, and I do not understand Supplies for Officers are expected, they will therefore wish a Supply from the State. I should be glad of your direction respecting the Inlistment of the nine months men, how far I might engage, and at what time their State Bounty and Cloathing could be delivered, and whether the Officer inlisting them is to receive the Allowance of Sixteen Dollars for each as limitted by the late Act of Assembly. Such as have inlisted I have engaged should receive forty Dollars from the State and Twenty from the Continent with the Allowance of a Suit of Cloaths immediately and the Allowance to the officers who inlist them is conditional or what the State may direct

For news respecting our Military Operations I refer you Colo Richardson, & have the Honor to remain with sincere regard

Dr Sir

Your very Obdt Hble Servt

W. Smallwood

Governor Johnson

C. C. [Circular to Lieutenants]

p. 200 Circular. In Council Annapolis 25th Octr 1778

Sir.

You have with this a Copy of a Letter rec^d last Night from Mr Henry and its Inclosure. However wild a Scheme of landing a Number of Tories to march through a considerable Extent of Country, may be, our Enemies may possibly be induced to embrace it from an Expectation of their being joined by a very great Part of the Inhabitants, and therefore it will be well to place Things on such a Footing that they may not profit from the Surprize which is generally occasioned by Invasions. From further Intelligence of a considerable Part of the British Army embarking, as supposed, for Boston, it is not likely that the Tories will be supported by any considerable Regular Force. If the Project should be attempted, you are to call forth the Militia of your County without waiting for further Orders, sending an Express to us with the earliest Intelligence. It is likely if this Expedition is really concerted, many Tories will be travelling through the Country to sound the Inhabitants and collect and give Information; wherefore it will be well for you and the Magistrates to prevent suspicious People passing at this Time. Every Thing which can be done here, may be relied on and, if those who are really disaffected to the Cause of America are impressed that the Hope of Plunder is the Inducement, as it seems to be acknowleged at New York, for this wicked Undertaking, we cannot imagine that any considerable Number will Join, as, on Success the Value of the Plunder will, as usual, be much more regarded than to whom it belongs

We are &^ca

To the Lieu^ts of the Counties on the Eastern shore

C. B. Monday 26th October 1778

Present as on Saturday except Thos Sim Lee Esqr

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Solomon Frazier Master of the Schooner Dorchester mounting 1 Carriage Gun 2 Howitz and 4 small Arms, navigated by 10 Men, belonging to James Byus, Arthur Wheatly and William Thomas & Co Dorchester County

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Sprigg one hundred and seventy three pounds, sixteen shillings & nine pence to be delivered over to Thomas Jones per Acc^t passed by the Prin^l Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Com. Thomas Grason Twelve Pounds for the use of Sol^o Start and sixty seven Pounds ten

shillings for the use of James Littell per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l] C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Kent seven pound, one shilling & six pence per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac M[c]Hard two hundred and sixteen pounds, ninteen shillings & seven Pence for the use of Charles Downes per Account passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Johnson one hundred and twenty seven pounds, ten shillings for the use of Richard Ridgely per Acc[t] passed by A G.

Sir, The Naval Officer of Baltimore has reported to us his Seisure of the Sloop Friendship for a Breach of our late Act to Prohibit the Exportation of Wheat &[ca] and has requested a Guard to be placed on board her to secure the Vessell and prevent any Embezzlement. We therefore request you'll place a Guard on board her till the Marshal of the Admiralty Court shall take possession of her and that you will take special care that no embezzlement or injury of any kind be done of or to the Vessel or Cargo.

Major Nathaniel Smith.

Tuesday 27 October 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col[o] Peter Waters eight pounds sixteen shillings & eight pence for the use of W[m] Waters, seven pounds ten shillings for the use of John Horsey and six pounds for the use of Thomas Irving per Accounts passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Peter Harrington Fifty two pounds ten shillings due himself and Fifteen Pounds for the use of William Harrington per Accounts passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

[J. Henry J[r] to Johnson.] Original.

Philadel[a] Oct. the 27th 1778.

Dear Sir

A considerable Detachment consisting of the new levies left New-York the beginning of last week. It is believed they sailed directly for the West Indies.

By a letter rec[d] from Lord Sterling yesterday morning it appears that the Troops on Staten Island are ready to embark and only wait for the return of part of their Regiments sent on

Original. the late Expedition to Egg Harbour. They are destroying their fortification which puts it out of doubt that they do not mean to hold that Island this Winter.

I should be obliged to you Sir to inform me whether the State has any cloathing for their officers. Their wants are great and distressing, and unless they are supplied it will be out of their power to continue in the Service. Some of them, I am told are at this time so circumstanced, that unless they have speedy relief it will be impossible for them to do their Duty. To purchase out of their pay would leave them pennyless for eight months in the year. A Suit of Cloaths will cost them seven or eight months pay, and when obtained will not last them above five months; in this way many of them have spent their patrimonies and unless they can now find some resources in the public Benevolence, they must leave a service in which they can no longer exist. If there are any measures which can be fallen upon, in which I can be of Service I should be happy in affording every assistance in my power. Would it not be a desirable thing to know the real State of the officers by sending some person to Camp for that purpose. The men I expect will be provided for; fifteen thousand compleat suits I am told are now on the way to camp, and material sufficient in hand to cloath the whole Army.

I am Sir with great respect to you and the Council

Your obd^{t} and h^{ble} Servt

J. Henry Junr

C. B. Wednesday 28. October 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Nevin one hundred and ninty pounds, thirteen shillings and seven pence per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Rogers one hundred and forty one pounds, two shillings and four pence Balance of Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Pardon granted to John Morris of Baltimore County condemned for Horse Stealing

Thursday 29 October 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt John Smoot Twenty one Pounds, ten shillings & ten pence per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Hanson one hundred & eighty five pounds, eleven shillings & six pence for the use of Capt. Will. Harvey & his Company Twenty four pounds, eighteen shillings & ten pence & nine pounds fifteen shillings & eight pence for the use of Capt. Josias Bowin & his comp^{y} one hundred and eighty two pounds, seventeen shillings & four pence for the use of Capt John Cockey Owings & his Comp^{y} seventeen pounds, seventeen shillings & six pence for the use of Capt Robt Lemmon & his Comp^{y} and two pounds seven shillings & six pence for the use of W^{m} McKubin per Acc^{ts} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl to the Aud. Genl C. B.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Com^{r} Thomas Grason one hundred and fifty Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Hughes, two hundred and twenty six pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence for the use of Lux and Bowley per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Pardon granted to Micajah Greenfield of Baltimore County who had been with the British Army at New York and who had deserted from them and returned to this State.

Friday 30th October 1778

Present as on yesterday except James Hindman Esquire.

Mr Thomas Richardson on his request has the Loan of a Quarter Cask of the Public Powder which was purchased of him to be returned again in kind

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Green Thirty two pounds, ninteen shillings and nine pence Twenty six pounds four shillings and three pence, Ten pounds, five shillings & nine pence, Ten pounds fifteen shillings, one Pound and also the further Sum of Two pounds, seven shillings and six pence due him per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas F. Eccleston, Twenty four pounds Eighteen shillings to be delivered over to John Scott for the use of Capt. Hugh Eccleston's Comp^{y} per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl and also the further Sum of seven pounds, sixteen shillings for the use of John Jones per Account passed by the Board of Aud^{ts} the 27 November 1776.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Lynch of the 5th Reg^{t} Cloth suff^{t} for a Great Coat waistcoat & breeches with proper Trimmings.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Campbell 8 lb. Salt Petre.

Thomas Coursey, late Captain of the Chester Galley is hereby discharged from the Service of this State

C. B. Commission issued to Robert Dashiell appointed Captain of the Galley Chester in the room of Capt. Thomas Coursey displaced.

Saturday 31 October 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain Muse of the first Regim^{t} Cloth for a waistcoat & breeches, 2½ yards Serge Denim with proper Thinness & 1 p^{r} Shoes.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Brown forty three pounds ten shillings for the use of William Deford per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the A Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury Fifty six pounds thirteen shillings and ten pounds per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl and also the further Sum of Fifty pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmer one hundred and fifty one pounds ninteen shillings and four pence half penny for the use of John Vorhees per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith eighteen pounds, eight shillings and four pence per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl and the further Sum of one hundred and Fifty pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Houston one hundred and three pounds twelve shillings per Account passed by the Aud. Genl and also the further sum of four hundred and one pounds, eight shillings and nine pence on Acc^{t} to discharge the Cert^{as} given by him for the Purchase of Provisions.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmot Junr Thirty three pounds per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Long one hundred and sixty Pounds, eleven shillings and eight pence per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the A. Genl

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[Council to Luther Martin.]

In Council Annapolis 31st Octr 1778.

Sir

Mr Hoofman waited on us with your Letter and several Papers respecting the Sloop Friendship. We cannot with Propriety, in any Manner attempt to influence, as to the Vessel's being permitted to go on Security. The Judge will make any interlocutory Order which ought to be made, nor can we,

if we were ever so much inclined, remit the Forfeiture, if, as we suppose, the Officer who seized is a Party in the Libel and interested in the Event. C. C.

Luther Martin Esqr } We are Sir &^{ca}
Attorney General }

Monday 2^{d} November 1778. C. B.

Present as on Saturday—T. S. Lee Esqr attended.

Commissions issued to Edward Gaither appointed Col^{o} John Burgess Lieut Col^{o} & Andrew Ellicott Major of the Elk ridge Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Bolton one hundred and twenty six pounds twelve shillings & five pence, bal of Acc^{t} passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Gabriel Paterson Vanhorn eleven pounds twelve shillings and six pence for the use of Thomas Smith and also the further sum of five pounds six shillings & four pence for the use of Joseph Stiles per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Tuesday 3^{d} November 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Evans Twenty pounds, ninteen shillings and six pence for the use of John Muir per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Wednesday 4ta November 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Sanders a private in the 3^{d} Reg^{t} 1 Coat, 1 Waistcoat, 1 p^{r} Breeches, 1 p^{r} Stockings 2 Shirts and 1 pair of Shoes to be charged to said Regiment.

Thursday 5th November 1778

Present as on yesterday except Tho. Sim Lee Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Samuel Sadler Two hundred and Eighty four pounds for the use of Major Nathaniel Smith per Account passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esqr Paymaster seven hundred Pounds on Account.

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Schnebely Twenty five pounds ten shillings for the use of Jacob Ott per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Lieut Samuel Sadler is appointed Quarter Master to the Hospital in Baltimore formerly kept in Baltimore Town, now ordered to be kept in the Fort at Whetstone Point

C. C.
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[Council to N. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 5th Nov[r] 1778

Sir

We would not have you vendue the Chain, 'til the Act against Vendues expires, which will be with the End of the present Session of Assembly. If in the mean Time you should have an Opportunity of selling any Part of it at private Sale, for the selling Price or nearly the selling Price of Bar Iron at Baltimore, we wish you to sell at private Sale. We are sorry you did not mention to us the Article of Wood before; it is certainly prudent to lay in soon as much as will serve well into March, we suppose about 150 Cords will do 'til that Time or, if the Winter is moderate, longer. Your Wood lying so near the Fort, will make it more convenient to the Public and yourself to contract for 150 Cords with you at once; we are willing to give you £ 5.10. a Cord for that Quantity to be delivered at the Fort at such Times as best suit you, so that the Supply is kept up. It appears to us that three Feet a week for six Men, is not extravag[t] moderate or very cold Weather will make a Difference which we wish should be attended to; we wish to avoid Waste and are equally desirous the Men should be kept comfortable: there must necessarily be some Latitude given to the Officers who are on the Spot and we hope for their Care and Discretion. We much approve your Removal of the Hospital and the good Effect it has had ought to silence all Objections; we would have the Sick continued at the Point, unless Circumstances should hereafter make it prudent to remove them. It is for the Sake of the Sick only that we employ a Doctor, Quartermaster or Nurse, the Doctor must attend his Duty, or we must get another.

Lieu[t] Saddler is much more conveniently situated than M[r] Gerrock and therefore we have appointed him. We don't imagine any Pay will be expected for a Nurse in Town, when there was no Sick there; the Woman you have employed and who has done a real public Service, ought to be paid by the Public

We are Sir &[ca]

Maj[r] Nath[l] Smith
Baltimore

[Council to S. Gerrock.] C. C. p. 202

In Council Annapolis 5th Novr 1778

Sir

Major Smith mentions to us his Removal of the Sick belonging to the Matross Company, from the Town to the Fort which we approve of and intend the Hospital shall be kept there for the future. We have appointed Lieut Samuel Saddler to provide for the Hospital, to whom you will be pleased to deliver every Thing belonging to the Public which was provided for the Hospital and remains under your Care.

Mr Saml Gerrock
Baltimore

We are &ca

[Council to Donaldson and others.]

In Council Annapolis 13th Novr 1778

Sir.

We send you by Mr Letherbury £ 1500 which we request you'll lay out in the Purchase of Pork for the Use of this State: we wish you to make the Purchase as soon as may be. If you should have an Opportunity of laying out a further Sum, we request you'll do so, to double the Quantity, which the Money sent will buy. Salt shall be sent you in Time and more Money, if necessary. We hope the Pork will not exceed 20 Dollars a Hundred; if the best in Quality and in pretty large Quantities can be got for that we would have you agree. We shall be glad to receive a Line from you soon, advising us of your Expectations

Colo Donaldson Yeates and
Mr John Bolton, Separately

We are &ca

P. S. to Colo Yeates

Be pleased to let us know if there is any Quantity of your last Year's Purchase in your Possession or whether you have delivered it to the Continental Agent at Elk, in Consequence of our Letters and transmit us an Account of your Purchases that they may be settled as soon as possible.

Friday 6 November 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo Benjamin Nicholson Twenty pounds, fourteen shillings and six pence for the use of Zebulon Headington, one hundred and seventy nine pounds, seventeen shillings & eleven pence for

C. B. the use of Capt Willm Hudson & his Comp^{y} one hundred and sixty three pounds eight shillings & one penny for the use of Capt. John Murray and his Comp^{y} one hundred and seventy one pounds, twelve shillings for the use of Capt. Brittingham Dickinson & his Comp^{y} and Fifty two pounds due himself per Acc^{ts} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

Saturday 7th November 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Frederick Cromer Twenty five pounds, sixteen shillings and one hundred and fifty three pounds fourteen shillings and six Pence for the use of John Laypole per Acc^{ts} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the A Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to James Boyle one hundred & three pounds fourteen shillings and Eight Pence on Acco^{t} of the Galley Baltimore per Acc^{t} passed by A. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} William Richardson Thirty pounds for the use of Capt. John Hawkins, one hundred and twenty six pounds for the use of Capt Levin Handy and forty five pounds for the use of Lieut Peter Stoakes per acc^{ts} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Gale 20 pair of Shoes for the use of the Matrosses stationed at Annapolis

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Benjamin Allen Com^{r} of the Schooner Dolphin mounting 4 Carriage Guns, 2 swivels, 2 Cohorns and 7 musketts burthen 20 Tons belonging to Robert & Alexander McKim of Baltimore.

Monday 9th November 1778

Present as on Saturday.

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Jeremiah Yellott Com^{r} of the Schooner Camden mounting 4 Swivels & 2 Howitz six small Arms burthen 40 Tons belonging to Capt. Charles Ridgely & others of Baltimore County

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Jacques Bagness of the Matrosses Cloth for a pair of breeches with Trimmings and 1 pair Shoes

That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice Esquire one hundred and forty one pounds, fifteen shillings for his Attendance in Council

That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Col° George Dashiell sixteen pounds for the use of John Stewart, one Pound ten Shillings for the use of Joseph Venables Twenty four pounds nine Shillings for the use of George Wilson & Josiah Dashiell Ten Pounds five Shillings and four pence for the use of Thomas Irving, one pound fifteen Shillings & six for the use of Elijah Tull, sixteen pounds, three shillings and nine pence and sixteen pounds five shillings and nine pence for the use of Cap. John Williams, Twenty one pounds twelve shillings and nine pence and the further sum of one hundred and thirty five pounds, fourteen shillings and five pence due himself per Acc^ts^ passed by the Aud. General and Copy of the following Cert^a^ annexed to Col° Dashiells Account. C. B.

I hereby certify that Col° George Dashiell has returned an Order of Council of the 21 April 1778 for £861 . . 8 . . 6 being in part of the above Commission the same not being paid by the Western shore Treasurer which Order is now brought to the Treasurers Debit the same being heretofore passed to his Credit.

Zeph Turner Aud. Genl

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Thomas Steel Commander of the Sloop Irish Gimblet mounting 4 Carriage Guns 2 Swivels and 6 small Arms, burthen 50 Tons belonging to John M^c^Lure and Thomas Russel of Baltimore

On 2^d^ Monday of November being the 9th Day of the same Month the General Assembly of Maryland agreeable to the Constitution and Form of Government Proceeded to the choice of a Governor when Thomas Johnson Esquire was rechosen, His Excellency Qualified the same Day in Presence of both Houses by taking the several Oaths required.

On the Day following being the 10th Day of November the Senate and House of Delegates proceeded to the Choice of the Council to the Governor and rechose Thomas Sim Lee, James Brice, Daniel Carroll, Edward Lloyd and James Hindman Esquires.

Thursday 12th November 1778.

James Brice, Daniel Carroll, Edward Lloyd and James Hindman Esquires Attended and severally Qualified by making a Declaration of their Belief in the Christian Religion and taking repeating and Subscribing the several Oaths required and Certificates filed.

Thomas Johnson Junr was appointed Clerk to the Council and Qualified by taking, repeating and subscribing the several

C. B. Oaths required, making a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion and also the Oath of Office and Certificate filed.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col. William Richardson fifty Pounds, three shillings and two pence half penny for the use of Capt. James Henry, Eighty three Pounds, three shillings & six Pence for the use of Capt. John Lynch and the further Sum of Twenty one Pounds, fourteen shillings and two pence half penny for the use of Lieut. William Frazier as per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Cromwell, Twelve Pounds and also the further Sum of Twenty seven Pounds seventeen shillings and four pence per Accounts passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Adam Marchel five Pounds ten shillings for the use of Ludwick Lemmon, and the further Sum of Thirty six Pounds due himself per Accounts passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Cap. John Ghiselin ten Pounds and Twenty five Pounds, six shillings & six Pence due him ꝑ Acc[ts] passed by the Aud G[l]

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Crysall one hundred and twenty five pounds eight shillings for the use of Robert Clark per Account passed by the Auditor General.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Valette twenty five Pounds for 1 month's Salary as Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct[r] Adam Fisher three pounds for the use of Conrad Power, Twenty six Pounds, eleven shillings for the use of Andrew Bachman, sixty four Pounds for the use of Joseph Downing, Three Pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Conrad Crone, Five Pounds for the use of Peter Cregar, Four Pounds, ten shillings for the use of Stephen Hook, Two Pounds for the use of James S. Hooke, Twenty one Pounds five shillings for the use of Jacob Prangle Four Pounds ten shillings for the use of Michael Holp and the further Sum of Three Pounds, ten shillings, for the use of Peter Beard per Accounts passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

Brice T. B. Worthington Esq[r] from the Senate delivers to His Excellency a Resolve of the Senate requesting the Governor & Council to lay the Proceedings of the Different Councils before the Senate.

Capt. Keeports having represented that about five hundred weight of the Public Powder in his care, is in a declining Condition and might now be sold for a good Price he is requested to make Sale of such as he Judges is likely soon to

become unfit for use and to return an Account of such Sale and he has also further informed this Board that he is promised the refusal of about two thousand weight of Musket Balls he is requested to purchase them for the Public Use if they can be got under or for six shillings ꝑ Pound. C. B.

[Council to Luther Martin.] C. C. p. 207

In Council Annapolis 12th Novr 1778

Sir

Capt. Keeports informs us of Samuel Gerock's who was lately in the Service of the State, having obtained from him eleven Barrels of the Public Powder, under an Assertion that Major Smith desired it & would if he was not just going off for Annapolis, have given him a writtten Order. From several Circumstances we are induced to believe that Mr Gerrock has behaved with very great Impropriety & we request that unless the Powder is immediately returned on Capt Keeport's Demand or the Value paid to his Satisfaction, that you'll bring suit for the State against Mr Gerrock.

We are &ca

Luther Martin Esqr
Attorney General

[Gov. Johnson to Council] Original.

Gentlemen

I beg leave to lay before you the inclosed Letter from Capt Job Garretson of Colo Darby Lux's Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County and his Certificate of the Service of John Botts who was hired as a Substitute in the stead of William Moore enrolled as a private in Colo Moale's Battalion

When the Enemy came up the Bay in August 1777, the Militia in Baltimore County were not classed agreeable to the Act of Assembly; it was thought absolutely necessary that a considerable Body should be marched with all expedition. It was proposed that the officers should ballot for the number required to march and Capt. Wilkinson as I was then informed personally agreed to the mode and actually drew for himself notwithstanding which he refused to march. I therefore advised a Substitute should be hired in his stead, and being informed that the Company which was to have been commanded by Capt. Wilkinson would willingly march under Capt. Garretson and no other Capt. and that Capt. Garretson would go for £150 and nothing less, I advised Colo Lux to agree

Original. with him for that sum and I have understood that Garretson performed the Service much to Col° Lux's satisfaction who commanded the Battalion which marched from Baltimore County.

William Moore I have been informed appealed and was discharged by the Court, wherefore John Botts received though he well deserved and much wants his Substitute Money.

Capt. Wilkinson has been distrained for the £150 and has also appealed, the appeal as Capt Garretson informs me is not yet determined. I flatter myself that the circumstances of these cases will sufficiently recommend them and that as the Public receives a considerable Ballance for Substitute Money the real services of these Men will not go unrewarded

12 Novem^r 1778 Th. Johnson

[Indorsed] Read and referred to the Consideration of Mr. Buff, Mr. Maddux, and Mr. Hanson who are appointed a Com. to inquire into the same & Report their opinion thereon.

[Garretson to Johnson.]

11th November 1778

Sir

Last year when the Fleet came up I received orders to March my Company to Baltimore immediately which I did, and all the other officers of Colonell Luxe's Regiment did so likewise; and we were then threw into Eight classes and as several of the Commissions issued in one day it was hard to know the rank of the different companies. The Colonel then applyed to the Council for their instructions how to proceed, and as he informed me and the Rest of his Officers they thought it best for the whole of them to draw for their Rank, which the Captains readily agreed. It was done, and it fell to Captain John Standiford to go in the first class, and Captain William Wilkinson to go in the second, who in a day or two refused to go at any rate; immediately the Officers and Men that fell into that Rank refused to March with any of the other officers in the Battallion unless I would go with them; the Colonel then applied to me to take charge of the Company, and as I thought it would not do to let the Countries Cause suffer if I could be of service, I agreed to go if Mr. William Wilkinson would give me one hundred and Fifty Pounds. The Colonel then came with me to your Excellency and it was agreed that I should have the aforesaid sum if I would perform the duty that Mr. Wilkinson was to do, all which I have done as far as lay in my power. A warrant issued to the Sheriff,

who neglected to do it till the last August Court, and so it is that I am kept out of the money. I hope your Excellency will be pleased to pay me, as it was at your Request and my Colonel's and to serve my Country that I went. Original

I am with due Respect
Your Excellencie's most humble Servant
Job Garretson

Friday 13th November 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Peregrine Lethrbury Esqr one hundred and fourteen Pounds one shilling & six Pence for the use of Robert Blake and the further Sum of Forty six Pounds two shillings & six Pence for the use of James Claypoole per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Hyde forty one Pounds, thirteen shillings and four Pence due him for 2 months Salary as Clerk Assistant to the Council due the 5th Instant

That the said Treasurer pay to Peregrine Lethrbury Esquire fifteen hundred Pounds, to be delivered over to John Bolton of Chester Town on Acct and also the further Sum of Fifteen hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Donaldson Yeates Esquire on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Nevin Fifty three Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence for the use of William Nevin & Co per Acct passed by Prinl Cl.

That the said Treasurer pay to Amos Davis thirty four Pounds, two shillings and six pence per Account passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Gale thirty one Blankets for the use of Capt. Campbells Compy of Matroses

Saturday 14th November 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Joseph Cowman Junr fifty seven Pounds, fifteen shillings per Account passed by the Auditor Genl

John Woodfield a Private in Capt Campbells Company of Matrosses having been sick in the Hospital for upwards of Eighteen Months and Doctr Cheney & Doctr Johnson being of Opinion that the Country Air would be of service to him he is therefore Permitted to go on Furlough for one Month from this Date

C. B. Ordered that Samuel Carter a Serjeant in Capt Campbell's Comp^{y} of Matrosses be allowed for the Preceeding Month an Additional Sum of twenty shillings to his Serjeants Pay and the like Sum for every Month hereafter that he shall be employed in the Laboratory in Annapolis

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Newton Forty Pounds Eighteen shillings and six pence per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl to the A. G^{l}

Monday 16th November 1778

Present as on Saturday

David Ferguson second Lieut of Marines on board the Conqueror Galley Resigns his Commission which is accepted in Council

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Mathew Tilghman Esquire thirty three Pounds, thirteen shillings per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to Aud. G^{l}

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col. Stone a Suit of Cloaths for a Soldier and 4 yards Linen for himself

Application having been made by Mr William Smith of Baltimore Town for leave to Lade on board the Schooner Swan from Boston commanded by Capt. Styles a Cargoe of Flour for the use of the United States pursuant to the Order of the Marine Committee of the twenty fourth Day of October last. You are to grant a Permit for lading on board the said Vessel a Cargoe of Flour and when Laded you are to grant a Clearance for the said Vessel and Cargoe certifying that the said Cargoe is on Account of the United States and is Shipped under the Order of the Marine Committee

To the Naval Offlcer of the Port of Baltimore

Ordered that Mr Crysall deliver to Mr Ashmead what Provisions he has which were Purchased for the United States

C. C. p. 202

[Council to W. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 16th Novr 1778

Sir,

This incloses an Order to the Naval Officer to permit the Lading of the Swan with Flour, and a Copy of the Marine Committee's Letter to you, the Original, with yours, we thought necessary to keep as the Foundation of the Order

William Smith Esqr
Baltimore

We are &^{ca}

[Council to B. Nicholson.] C. C.
p. 203

In Council Annapolis 16th Novr 1778

Sir

The Attorney General just now gave us a verbal Account of the Proceedings against the Friendship. We received by the last Post a Letter from the Marine Committee on the Subject of that Seizure which we laid before the Assembly. As we understand the Forfeiture is adjudged for the Benefit of the State only and the whole Cargoe has been paid for by the United States, we are inclined to remit the Forfeiture of the Vessel and Cargoe and therefore wish no Order may be immediately made for the Sale of either. You will oblige us by ordering the Register to send us a full Copy of the Proceedings as soon as may be.

We are &ca

The Honble Benja Nicholson
Judge of the Court of Admiralty

[Council to T. Sollers.]

In Council Annapolis 16th Novr 1778

Sir

We inclose you a Copy of the Act passed yesterday, by which you will regulate your Conduct in your Office. Wherever Vessels are cleared with any Articles of Provision under the Orders of Congress or any Committee of Congress, you wlll mention the Order in your Clearance, in your Permit and in your Books and advise us from Time to Time of your granting such Permits as we may, if we have Suspicions of any indirect Practices, be ascertained by the Congress or the Committee under whose Order the Matter is said to be transacted.

We are &ca

Thos. Sollars Esqr Navl Offr
at Balto or his Deputy

Tuesday 17 November 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Gale Cloth for a Great Coat and Waistcoat with Trimings.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker six Pounds for riding Express ꝑ Acct passed by the Prinl Clk to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crysall Five hundred Pounds on Acct

C. B. Commissions of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to Benjamin Bradhurst Commander of the Brig Betsey mounting 2 Carriage Guns, 3 Swivels 8 Howitzs and 1 Muskett, Burthen 70 Tons, belonging to Wm Pollard & others Balto and also to James Belt, Commander of the Schooner Montgomery mounting 2 Carriage Guns, 4 Swivels & 6 small Arms burthen 25 Tons belonging to Wallace Davidson & Johnson.

Wednesday 18 November 1778

Present as on yesterday except Edward Lloyd Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Willm Bond One hundred and twenty three Pounds three shillings & two pence per Acct passed by Aud. Gl

C. C. [Council to Grason.]

p. 203 In Council Annapolis 17th Novr 1778

Sir.

The Brig Betsey, Capt Bradhurst loaded in the Eastern Bay is about sailing, we are desirous of having her searched before she sails and request you'll order one of the Gallies over for that Purpose; if she has no Grain, Flour or Provisions of any Kind but her Stores expressed in the Naval Officers Bill, you'll direct the Officer to deliver the Captain the inclosed Commission which we now send you and you will deliver to the Officer who goes on this Service for the Purpose and to prevent any unnecessary Delay to the Vessel. If the Vessel has been lading Provisions contrary to Law, you'll direct that she be brought hither. If more convenient, send an Officer in one of the Boats on this Business.

We are &ca

Commodore Grason.

p. 204 [Council to Capt Campbell.]

In Council 17th Novr 1778

Sir

We are informed that there is a Quanity of Fodder lodged in Mr Maccubbin's House, used as a Barrack, and that the Soldiers have cut away several of the Posts and Stands of the Kitchen.

We desire you'll go to the Barracks in Person, have the Fodder, if any there, instantly removed and Measures taken to prevent any Destruction of the Houses

We are &ca

Capt Campbell.

Thursday 19 November 1778 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday Col Lloyd Attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wilmot jun^r Fifteen Pounds twelve shillings and six pence ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Commission issued to Nicholas Worthington, Richard Harwood Junr Henry Ridgely, Elijah Roboson, Samuel Lane, Thomos Dorsey, Samuel Harrison, John Brice, Allen Quynn, Thomas Harwood, Reubin Merriwether, Samuel Harrison, of Richard Nicholas Dorsey Junr Thomas Worthington Edward Gaither Junr Andrew Ellicott, Stephen Boone, Edward Hall, Samuel Jacobs, and John Walker appointed Justices of the Peace for Ann Arundell County and also to Nicholas Worthington, Richard Harwood jun^r Elijah Roboson, John Brice Allen Quynn, Thomas Harwood and Stephen Boone appointed Justices of the Orphans Court for Ann Arundell County

[Gov. Johnson to Assembly.] C. C. p. 204

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

The Council and I finding that we were not likely to pay the Debt due from the State to Mr Harrison by Remittances of Tobacco, in a reasonable Time, nor without very great Loss to the Public, purchased Bills of Exchange on France for that Purpose at the Rate of five, in Dollars at seven Shillings and six Pence, for one Sterling. The Schooner Genl Smallwood which has made two Voyages to Martinique is of Course of little Use to the State; having mentioned our Inclination to sell her, Several Gentlemen have expressed their Desire of becoming Purchasers and at least £3200 might be got for her. I have inclosed her Inventory as given in by the Captain who lately sailed in her and the Council and I request your Advice whether an immediate Sale of her at Vendue might not be proper.

19th Nov. 1778 T. J.

Friday 20th November 1778 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Cowman Junr Eighty five Pounds, fifteen shillings per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Gerock two hundred and ninty eight Pounds four shillings and nine Pence ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud. G^l

That the said Treasurer pay to John Allen Thomas seventy

C. B. one Pounds, and the further sum of seventeen Pounds, eighteen shillings and six Pence for the use of Gerard Bond & his Company per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Maddux Thirty one Pounds, four Shillings, for the use of Samuel Wilkins, ninteen Pounds, fifteen shillings and six Pence for the use of John Winder and the further Sum of Fifty three Pounds, twelve shillings and four Pence for the use of Lieut. John Denwood per Accounts passed by the Aud. General

Commisions issued to Jeremiah Jordan, John Reeder Jun[r] Henry Greenfield Southern, Richard Barnes, Henry Reeder, Vernon Hebb Ignatius Taylor Henry Tubman, Bennett Biscoe, Hanson Briscoe, John Shanks, John Ireland, Ignatius Fenwick, Nicholas L. Sewall, Robert Watts, Robert Armstrong, John H. Reade, Thomas Bond, and William Killgore, appointed Justices of Saint Marys County also to Richard Barnes, Henry Reeder, John H. Reade, Thomas Bond, and William Killgore Judges of the Orphans Court in Saint Mary's County also to

Andrew Buchanan, John Moale, Benjamin Rogers, William Buchanan, William Spear, Thomas Sollars, John Beale Howard, James Calhoun, Hercules Courtney, George Goldsmith Presbury Isaac Vanbibber, Peter Shepherd John Craddock Edward Cockey, John Merryman jun[r] Jeremiah Johnson, Charles Ridgely of W[m] John Robert Holliday, George Lindenberger, Christ[o] Vaughan, Frederick Decker Jesse Bussey Robert Lemmon, Richard Cromwell, and William Neale Justices of the Peace for Baltimore County to Andrew Buchanan, William Buchanan, William Spear, Thomas Sollars, James Calhoun Hercules Courtney and Isaac Van Bibber Judges of the Orphans Court, Baltimore County also to

Joshua Beall, Christ[o] Lowndes, W[m] Lock Weems, David Craufurd, Jeremiah Magruder, Thomas Clagett, Luke Marbury, Trueman Skinner, Alexander H[d] Magruder, Richard Henderson, Thomas Gantt jun[r] Fielder Bowie, Benj[a] Hall of Fr. Thomas Williams, Thomas Magill, Thomas Boyd, William Lyles, William Berry, James Mullikin and James Beck, Justices of the Peace for Prince Georges County to Joshua Beall, Christ[o] Lowndes W[m] Lock Weems, David Craufurd, Jeremiah Magruder, Thomas Clagett and Richard Henderson, Judges of the Orphans Court Prince Georges County also to

Charles Graham, William Allnut, Samuel Chew, John Bond, Richard Parran, Edward Johnson, William Ireland, Walter Smith, Daniel Rawlings jun[r] Isaac Clare and James Heighe Justices of the Peace for Calvert County to Charles Graham, William Allnut, Samuel Chew, Richard Parran & James Heighe Judges of the Orphans Court, Calvert County and also to

John Browne, William Hemsley, James Kent, James Bordley,

William Bruff, James OBryan, John R. Emory, Samuel Ridge- C. B.
way, John Fisher, Charles Downes Clement Sewall, Thomas Carradine, Vinson Benton, Phil° Downes & James Barnes appointed Justices of the Peace for Queen Ann's County and to John Browne William Hemsley, James Bordley, William Bruff and James OBryan appointed Judges of the Orphans Court Queen Ann's County

[Dr. Wiesenthal to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Balt. Town Novr the 20th 1778

Sir

Conscious of the Variety of Affairs which in Your Station Your Excellency are daily perplex'd with, I thought it rather preposterous & triffling, when I was last in Annapolis to trouble you with a detail of a misunderstanding which happend here in our State Hospital, and I should even now remain Silent about it, if I had not learnt that your Excell: had been partly made acquainted therewith by Maj^r Nath. Smith though I have Reason to apprehend, that the Case has not been so fairly represented as it ought, and which induces me to give herewith a true State thereof.

As I have all along continued a Superintending Direction, and assisted the Surgeon of the Fort with my Advice, I recomēended, when the Sickly Season came on in Septembr, and when a Soldier died at the Fort of a putrid Complaint, that the Sick might be remov'd to the Continental Hospital, for a short Time, since that was nearly empty, and where Several Sailors from the Galleys were allready attended. The Beds were orderd to be emptied of the foul Straw. And the Quarter Master Mr Gerock desired to furnish clean Straw. A precaution which ought frequently to be done

During this Time I was under a necessity to go down to St. Mary's to amputate Coll. Forrests Thigh, and found at my Return that no Straw had been as yet furnish'd, the Quarter Master excusd himself that he could not get any Straw the people not having threshd as yet but that he expected some from Major Smiths Plantation, whose Waggon being then broke down, the Major having been applied to, and promised some. I could not help reflecting both on the Quarter Master as well as on the Major for their Negligence since the Fort barge might have brought the Straw with the greatest Ease, the Plantation being adjoining the fort on the Water Side. But I was greatly surpriz'd when the attending Doctor informd me that the Major had taken all the sick away, and mov'd them to the Fort, without his knowledge, under pretence of their

Original being maltreated. This being such an unaccountable Step, and so general a Charge that it even involvd the Doctor as to whose Province this matter chiefly belongd, which obligd me to Speak to Major Smith about it and make Inquiry if he had any Complaints against the attending Surgeon, and finding he had none but accus'd only the Quarter Master with respect to Straw and broken Windows, I thought it necessary to remind him that the broken Windows were not a fault because it was Sum̄er and could be mended, and that the Barracks at the fort, had no Window at all, besides that he himself was by me lookd upon a Delinquent concerning the Straw & which he probably had forgot. The Major however mended this Inconsistency, with another when he replied, that he did not think the Com̄ander was obligd to furnish Straw to a hospital, and I suppose he was at that Time so full of his Command that he did not reflect, that he might sell Straw to the Quarter Master for the use of the hospital, without derogation to his Comandership, which made this Excuse appear as an unbecoming Subterfuge.

Nevertheless as I am not prone to Cavilling and the Patients rather in a mending way; I went down to the Fort to inspect the place, the Major had allotted for an hospital, and thought proper to give him my opinion with Candour in writing, The Copy of which I have herein inclos'd, for Your Excellencys Perusal and Opinion, as likewise the Majors answer to me, in which his warmth of Temper and ungenerous Expression and Ignorance of such matters are so conspicuous, that it cannot escape your Excellency's Penetration.

I cannot help taking Notice however of an Expression, in his Letter, and which I have Reason to presume he has in a manner made to Your Excellency, viz, the hospital being like a Horse Stable, & I must own, that I must do violence to myself to withhold the Indignation a man must necessarily feel, to be thus reflected against, merely to make good their faults which have been by the reflector com̄itted, and I must assure Your Excellency that the Hospital was kept neet and clean, washd every other Day, as which only and alone constitutes a healthy hospital, Straw is only a Convenience, & the Ignorance of the Major appears as he himself mentions the appearance of a horse stable on Acc^{t} of Windows, and want of Straw, & which latter was in a great measure his fault.

Upon the whole as I presume, that the Doctor is the principal man in Hospital Affairs & its Direction, and that the Quarter Master, is his Assistant, to procure those things which the Doctor orders, I do not know what Bussiness the Com̄ander has with him at any Rate, except when faults are com̄itted, and then he is to assist, to have those faults remedied in a

proper manner, the quarter Master is to receive Orders from the Doctor for everything he is to furnish in his handwriting and have his Acc^{ts} again acknowledgd & signed before he can settle his Affairs. Original

As the Doctor prescribes the Diet according to the Nature of the Disorder some will receive full Diet, others half Diet, some one thing some another and as a Diet is not always pleasing to obstrepulous Soldiers they will make Complaints, if then the Comander is so weak as to listen to their Complaints as valid, and so hasty as to conclude without proper Inquiry, he will do great mischief I mention this as an Example which has happend, when some sugar was orderd on particular occasion, & which being withdrawn when that was over it being so disagreable to be deprived of so sweet a Thing, that they grumbled and preferrd general Complaints, as if they were stinted, whereupon the quarter Master was ready to give what they wanted rather then to be exclaimd ag^{t} untill I thought it requisite to give him positive Orders to the Contrary. Nevertheless such things will gradually breed bickerings and at last open Complaints, for want only of proper limits in every one's Department.

I must humbly beg Your Excellencys Pardon for being to prolix. but as the Major has been so eager to procure Your Sanction, for his proceeding, it seems to me as if he has some Design, more to gratify his obstinacy than to have the real good of the Service at heart, even at any Risque, and I think it requisite to expose one of his assertions in his Letter (viz) that the Soldiers for so long a Time previous had been so healthy at the Fort, though in greater number, which must discover a great Irregularity in his Returne since, I have had often a much greater Number in the hospital. The Truth of the Matter however is, that when Smallwoods Battalion was erected we had the Hospital we had a fixt hospital from May to the 1st of Decembr, after which I had them attended at the Fort and no State hospital was kept till in Septr following when the Council sat in this Town, when the number of Sick besides those of the Sailors requird an absolute Hospital then another hospital was opend which lasted till March following when it was again dissolvd and attendance given at the Fort, and it must be noted that all this was done without the Majors in the least intermedling, and which shows that what he now has cravd Your Excellencys Approbation for is no new thing I hereby Subjoin a Return made in that very month, which will justify my assertion.

All I will beg will be that Your Excell. will please if I merit a Confidence to be entrusted with the Management of the Sick, to direct the Major to consult me in Cases of Sickness

Original of the Soldiers and to follow my Directions in hospital Matters, as likewise to desire the quarter Master of the Sick to apply to me properly, and I shall be allways glad to concur with the Major in any Step for the benefit of the Service in a regular manner, And I will with Your permission take the Fort under my particular Care, The more so as I have all along contrivd a Medical School to bring up young Surgeons for Militairy Service, and in which I have the Satisfaction to have allready succeeded, instead of such, which after their hardly finish'd Apprentiship set up, and act the wise Doctor with all the Arrogance, at the expence of the patient, and I am apprehensive the Majors Ambition does not reach further. I once more ask Your Excellencies Pardon for this long Letter and am with the greatest Respect

Your Excellencys
Most hble & obed Servt
C Wiesenthal

Copy in Wiesenthal's handwriting

[Dr. Wiesenthal to Maj. Smith.]

Sir

I made a Visite to the Fort to examine that Part of the Barracks, which you have converted into an hospital and I think it will do very well for little triffling Disorders for the Reception of Patients when they are first taken ill untill the Doctor thinks it requisite to have them movd to a Safer place, but Sir the place will by no means do for a regular Hospital, in all Cases and at all times. And I am extreemly Sorry, that you was so hasty, not only to conclude but actually to remove the patients, without even the knowledge, or Advice of the Doctor, whose Judgment in a Case like this, of establishing an hospital, would be deemed essentially Necessary even by the greatest General.

That the Fort is a very unfit place for an hospital must plainly appear even to you, upon mature Reflection because a situation Surrounded with Water in itself sickly must in Consequence make it more difficult for People allready sick to recover. And I beg that you will represent to your mind a Danger which you little thought of, I mean the impurity of the Air, when the Patients are obliged to swallow the Effluvia arising from their diseas'd Bodys which on Account of the Lowness of the Building can not properly rise and be ventilated, this will inevitably turn slight disorders into putrid and dangerous ones, nay in Case any Person should be taken with such a Complaint, (as we have had many) he must unavoidably infest the Rest, nay even the healthy for Instance if Poor who lately died had unfortunatly been at that place, it would

most probably have furnished a dreadful Lesson of the Truth. For these Reasons to avoid any Infection Hospitals have generally been established quite out of the Way. and I believe you stand single to be so assiduous to place even in the midst amongst you. Copy in Wiesenthal's handwriting

I will bring another Consideration to Your Mind. There are more Patients besides these at the Fort which have Recourse to the hospital. The shipping very often nay allways send their sick, as likewise Soldiers take Sick on their march to or from Camp there being no Continental hospital have Recourse to the State hospital, all which if according to your Plan, they must be sent down to the Fort, and crowd the place and how much must the Danger be increased or if they are not sent down another hospital must be kept with additional Expences. Not to mention the unavoidable Inconvenience in furnishing the necessary provisions. Nay I can well foresee the frequent Complaints which would arise against the Attendance of the Doctor which let him be ever so diligent must often admit of such Constructions of Neglect as to expose him to an irksome situation.

Thus Sir have I given myself the Trouble to reason the matter with you, at least to attempt to convince you that you have exceeded Your Department, and I wish you had rather made a proper Inquiry into the Nature of the Quarter Masters Deficiency and causd a Remedy. the more so as the Quarter Master pacifyd the frequent Remonstrances and Orders of the Doctors mentiond your name as from whom he expected Straw. the only thing wanting and by so doing every thing would have been regular to the great satisfaction of Sir

Yr most hble Servt
C W.

Copy
To Majr Smith

Saturday 21st November 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday except Daniel Carroll Esquire

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Carroll of Carrollton Esquire Fifty nine pounds, seven shillings and six Pence and also the further Sum of Two hundred and twenty Pounds, ten shillings and six Pence per Acct passed by the A Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Murrow one hundred and seventeen Pounds, ten shillings p Acct passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo John H. Stone forty

C. B. five Pounds for the Bounty he paid 2 Recruits, John Stanton, & Anthony Nowry, and the further sum of Twelve Pounds the allowance for enlisting them.

That the said Treasurer pay to Commodore Grason, Four hundred and ten Pounds, three shillings & two pence on Account of the Galley Baltimore, Five hundred and five Pounds, fifteen shillings and seven Pence on Account of the Galley Independence per Pay roll examined & passed by the Aud. Gen[l] and also the further sum of Thirty Pounds, for the use of Richard Smith per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to James Woolford One hundred and twenty two Pounds, nine shillings and one penny due himself and Comp[y] for Guards on Cooks Point per Acc[ts] passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to James Hindman Esq[r] Two hundred and sixty nine Pounds ten shillings for his Attend[a] in Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Lloyd Esq[r] Four hundred and eighteen Pounds, five shillings for his Attendance in Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to the Hon̄ble Matthew Tilghman Esquire One Pound Ten shillings per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Allen Thomas three Pounds Eleven shillings and nine pence for the use of James Roach per Acc[ts] passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

Commissions issued to Upton Sheredine William Blair, William Beatty Jacob Young, Christ[o] Edelin, James Johnson, William M. Beall, Carlton Tannehill William Luckett jun[r] John Lawrence, Joseph Wood jun[r] John Haas, John McAliste[r] John Ross Key, William Winchester jun[r] Philip Thomas and John Kleinhoof app[d] Justices of the Peace for Frederick County & to Upton Sheredine, William Blair, William Beatty, Christ[o] Edelin & Philip Thomas Judges of the Orphans Court for Frederick County also to

William Winder, Peter Waters, John Stewart, Levin Wilson, Gilliss Polk, John Williams, Joseph Venables, John Span Conway, Henry Jackson and Levin Woolford app[d] Justices of the Peace for Somerset County and also to

Peter Waters, John Stewart, Levin Wilson, John Span Conway & Levin Woolford Judges of the Orphans Court for Somerset County also to

Aquila Hall, Aquila Paca, John Love, Thomas Johnson, William Smithson, John Archer, William Bond, Abraham Whitacre Ignatius Wheeler, James M[c]Comas Samuel Groome Osborn, Francis Holland, John Rumsey, Mordecai Amos, Robert Amos, Samuel Ashmead, John Patrick & James Giles

appointed Justices of the Peace for Harford County and also to C. B.
Aquila Hall, Aquila Paca, John Love, Francis Holland and John Rumsey Iudges of the Orphans Court for Harford County also to

John Maxwell, John Scott, William Bordley, Robert Maxwell, James Claypole John Wilmer, William Henry, Marmaduke Tilden, Jonathan Worth Morgan Hurt, Isaac Freeman, Joseph Rasin & Samuel Davis app[d] Justices of the Peace for Kent County & also to John Maxwell, John Scott, William Bordley, Robert Maxwell & James Claypole, Judges of the Orphans Court for Kent County also to

Charles Dickinson, Richard Mason, Joshua Clark, Benson Stainton Nath[l] Potter Mathew Driver, Henry Downes jun[r] Peter Richardson, Thomas Hardcastle, and Hugh M[c]Bryde app[d] Justices of the Peace for Caroline County & also to Charles Dickinson, Richard Mason, Benson Stainton Nath[l] Potter & Mathew Driver Iudges of the Orphans Court for Caroline County also to

Walter Hanson, Samuel Hanson, Daniel Jenifer, George Dent, John Dent, Robert Young, Warren Dent, Richard Barnes, William Harrison, John Parnham Walter Hanson Jenifer, John Lancaster, Joseph Anderson, Joshua Sanders & Walter Winters of John app[d] Iustices of the Peace for Charles County and also to

Samuel Hanson, Daniel Jenifer, George Dent, John Dent & Robert Young Judges of the Orphans Court for Charles County and also to.

Joseph Gilpin, John Veazey, John Leach Knight, Stephen Hyland, Thomas Hughes John D. Thompson David Smith, Amos Alexander, Thomas Boldin, Timothy Kirk Richard Bond, Samuel Glen, John Ward, John Ward Veazey John Cox, Samuel Miller James Maxwell. Elihu Hall son of Elisha, and William Mathews app[d] Justices of the Peace for Cecil County also to Joseph Gilpin, John Veazey, John Leach Knight, Stephen Hyland and John D. Thompson Judges of the Orphans Court for Cecil County also to Charles Jones, Edward Burgess Eneas Campbell, William Deakins, Joseph Wilson, Samuel W. Magruder, James Offutt, Gerard Briscoe, Richard Thompson, Walter Beall, Henry Gaither George Cullam, William Baker, and John Harwood appointed Justices of the Peace for Montgomery County also to Charles Jones, Edward Burgess, Oneas Campbell, William Deakins and Joseph Wilson Judges of the Orphans Court for Montgomery County also to John Dennis, John Selby, Nehemiah Holland, Ebenezer Handy, Thomos Purnell Sinepux[t] William Hopewell, James Selby, Joshua Townsend Nath[l] Miller, John Purnell Robins, John Postley, John Parramore, William Handy son

C. B. Sam[l] John Pope Mitchell, Isaac Layfield James Townsend, William Stevenson & Isaac Houston, Justices of the Peace for Worcester County also to John Dennis, John Selby, Nehemiah Holland, John Purnell Robins & Isaac Houston Judges of the Orphans Court for Worcester County and also to William Hindman, William Perry James Benson, Samuel Thomas, Thomas Sherwood, Jeremiah Banning Edward Hindman, William Manadier, John Troop, Samuel Chamberlaine, Joseph Bruff, Samuel Nicolls, Jonathan Abel Richard Johns, Nicholas Martin, William Hambleton, and John Thomas, son of John appointed Justices of the County Court for Talbot County also to William Hindman, William Perry, Samuel Thomas Edward Hindman and Joseph Bruff Judges of the Orphans Court for Talbot County

The Justices of the Peace and Judges of the Orphans Court in Dorchester and Washington Counties are reappointed as in the former Commissions Coroners, Surveyors and all other Civil Officers of the Appointment of the Governor and Council are continued under their former Commissions

Monday 23[d] November 1778.

Present as on Saturday except James Brice. Dan[l] Carroll Esq[r] Attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Smoot sixteen Pounds, five Shillings and also the further Sum of Sixteen Pounds, seventeen shillings for the use of Ann Records per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Cowman jun[r] Twenty seven Pounds, two shillings and six Pence per Acc[ts] passed by the Aud.Gen[l]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Woodfield, Cloth for a Coat, Jacket and pair of Breeches, two Shirts one pair Shoes and one pair of Stockings to be charged to Capt. Campbell's Com[y]

The State of Maryland To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting—Whereas the Sloop called the Friendship with her Tackle Apparel and Furniture, together with one hundred and sixty Barrels of Flour amounting to two hundred and Eighty six hundred weight and ten Pounds seven hundred Bushels of Wheat, and twenty three thousand nine hundred and fifteen Pounds of Bread part of her Lading have been in the Court of Admiralty of this State by the honourable Benjamin Nicholson Esquire Judge of the same Court adjudged and condemned as forfeited to the use of this State

Now know Ye that for especial Causes inducing the same we

have remitted and restored and do by these Presents remit C. B.
and restore the said Sloop Friendship her Tackle Apparel and Furniture and also the said Flour Wheat and Bread to the former Owners thereof respectively On Condition that they pay and satisfy all Lawful costs and expences incurred on the Prosecution of the said Vessel and her Cargoe, in the said Court of Admiralty to be ascertained or adjudged by the judge of the same Court. Given at Annapolis under the Great Seal of the said State this twenty third Day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight

[Council to J. Strawbridge.] C. C.
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In Council Annapolis 23d Novr 1778.

Sir.

Inclosed you receive a Copy of the Act for the Relief of sundry of the Inhabitants of this State, by which you will see that several Persons mentioned in it are excused from paying any Assessment heretofore imposed on the inhabitants of this State and are to have a Return of what may already have been collected from them and that the Governor and Council are impowered in Similar Cases to give the like Relief by making an Allowance in the present or any future Assessment, but those who have not taken and subscribed the Oath or Affirmation of Fidelity and Support to this State as directed by the Act for the better security of the Government are excepted from the Relief to be given by the Governor and Coun- p. 205
cil. We also inclose you a List of sundry People who have petitioned to be relieved but we are not furnished with a proper Evidence of their being "compelled by the Enemy to leave their Habitations and that they were thereby rendered incapable to carry on their Business or Occupations" and also of their having taken the Oath of Fidelity according to Law. We wish to give the intended Relief where due, and to avoid any Imposition and therefore, we request you will make known to those who desire our Order, that we except Affidavits to be transmitted to us, proving the Fact of their having been compelled by the Enemy to leave their Habitations and that they were thereby rendered incapable to carry on their Business or Occupations and for how long, and that if the Fact was so their Property was taken away, destroyed or damaged or their Crops or Fences injured and also a Certificate from the Justice who administered it or the County Clerk that the Person took and subscribed the Oath or Affirmation according to the Act.

In many Instances you may know that those who are charged

C. C. with the Assessment are entitled to Relief, in such, we request you will indulge them till their Case can be evidenced to us and our Order obtained.

We are &ca

John Strawbridge }
Shff. of Cecil }

C. B. Tuesday 24 November 1778

Present as on yesterday except James Hindman Esquire

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Alexander Contee Hanson Esquire five hundred and twenty pounds sixteen shillings and Eight pence due him per Account passed by the Aud Gen[l]

By the Advice and Consent of the Council Pardon was granted to Negroe Joe Slave of Perry Perrott of Talbot County for attempting to commit a Rape upon Catharine Sewall of same County

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Allen Quynn Ten Pounds three shillings and Eight pence for the use of Thomas Deale's Exc[rs] per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Wednesday 25 November 1778

Present as on Yesterday

M[r] Chase from the House of Delegates deliver to His Excellency the following Resolution

By the House of Delegates November 24. 1778

Resolved that the Governor and Council be impowered to lend the Owners of the Ship Buckskin the five nine Pounders belonging to this State now lying at the Indian Landing upon their engaging to return the same in good Order or in case of Loss or Damage to pay such Sum of Money as the same shall be estimated at by Persons to be estimated by the Governor and Council for that purpose or to return nine Pounders equally as good and substantial as those lent at the Option of the Governor and Council

Signed ꝑ Order I Duckett Cl.

indorsed by the Senate Novem. 24. 1778 Read & assented to By order R. Ridgely Cl. S.

The Governor and Council having lent the above mentioned five Nine Pounders according to the above Resolution of the General Assembly and under the Condition above expressed We the owners of the above mentioned Ship

Buckskin do hereby Promise and engage to return the said Guns in good Order or in Case of Loss or Damage to pay such Sum of Money as the same shall be estimated at by Persons to be appointed by the Governor and Council for that Purpose or to return nine Pounders equally as good and substantial as those lent at the Option of the Governor & Council Witness our Hands this Twenty sixth Day of November 1778. In behalf of themselves & Lux & Bowley, Wm Smith, John McLure, Hugh Young, John Sterritt, John Crocket, David Stewart, Jas Nicholson, Nat. Smith & Archd Buchanan Owner of the Ship Buckskin C. B.

Saml Robt Purviance Agents of said ship

Signed in Presence of { Geo. Turnbull, Mattw Scott }

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Aquila Parker Thirty six Pounds and also the further sum of Thirty six Pounds due him per Accounts passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Ross Key four Pounds for the use of John Clanbaugh per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Eight Pounds six Shillings and Eight Pence due him the 23d Inst. as Messenr to Gov. & Council

That the said Treasurer pay to William Bruff six Pounds, nine shillings for the use of Capt. George Finley, Four Pounds, six shillings for the use of Lieut. Isaac Scrivener, Three Pounds, four shillings & Six Pence for the use of Lieut. John Young Keene and also the further Sum of Three Pounds four shillings and six pence for the use of Christo Bateman per Acct passed by the Aud.Genl

Thursday 26th November 1778

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Charles Smith of the 1st Regt Cloth suffit for a Great Coat, Serge Denim for 1pr Breeches with Trimings and 1 pair of Shoes

That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Garland Ninty Pounds, fifteen shillings due him per Acct passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Berryman Eighty six Pounds ten shillings and one Penny due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

C. B. That the Armourer deliver to William Niven 20lb sterl.

By the advice of the Council Pardon was granted to Samuel Henley Condemned at the last General Court for the Western shore for Felony, on Condition that he inlist himself into one of the Regiments of the Quota of this State in the Continental Army

Copy [Washington to Secretary Peters.]

Head Quarters Fredericksburgh Novr 18th 1778

Sir

The Troops of the Convention, have advanced considerably towards the North River, they will be guarded to that place by the Militia of Connecticut and from thence to Delaware by an Escort of Continental Troops; As I cannot with any degree of convenience send the Continental Troops beyond Delaware, I am under the necessity of desiring the Board to make a requisition to the Executive Council of Pensylvania to give orders to the County Lieutenants of Northampton, Berks, Lancaster and York, to hold four or five Hundred of the Militia of each of those Counties ready against they shall be called upon by Colonel Bland of the 1st Regiment of Dragoons, who is appointed by me to superintend the March of the Troops the whole way The Militia of each County to march to the extent of their own Bounds which will make the duty very light. Be pleased likewise to desire that the Waggon Masters of each of the above Counties may be ordered to assist the Quarter Masters who attend the Troops with Waggons sufficient to transport the Baggage I could wish that no time may be lost in giving the orders lest there should be some unnecessary delay on the Road at this advanced Season I shall be obliged to you for making the like requisition to Govr Johnson of Maryland for an Escort of Militia and supply of Waggons thro the County of Frederick in that State I will give Colonel Bland directions to call for the necessary Guards from Virginia after he has crossed the Patowmack

The Troops have hitherto come on in very good order and with great Expedition, and I hope they will continue so to do thro the whole way

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed^{t} servant

George Washington

To

Richard Peters Esqr

Copy Copy

War Office Novr 26th 1778

Sir

I have the Honour of transmitting to you the above Copy of a Letter just received from His Excellency Genl Washington & have no Doubt of your being pleased to pay immediate Attention to such Part of it as relates to the Militia of your State

I have the Honour to be
with great Respect & Esteem
Your very obed^{t} Servt
Richard Peters
On Behalf of the Board

Be pleased just to acknowledge the Receipt of this Letter for the satisfaction of the Board as they will be uneasy under any Uncertainty

His Excellency Govr Johnson

Friday 27 November 1778.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Hanson Esqr seven pounds for the use of Peter Kemp and the further Sum of Four Pounds five shillings for the use of John Goff per Acc^{ts} passed by the Auditor General. C. B.

Ordered that all the Books and Papers belonging to the Commissaries Office, be removed to the City of Annapolis under the Care of the Register of Wills for Ann Arundel County and that the State Waggons be employed in removing the said Books and Papers

That Col^{o} Dorsey or any other person having the care of the Stores at Elk Ridge Landing, belonging to this State, deliver to Capt. Thomas Walker all the Powder, Lead & Whiskey &^{ca}

Saturday 28 November 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Beriah Maybury Fifty six Pounds, two shillings & seven Pence per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud Genl and also the further Sum of Fifty Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Woolford Twenty nine Pounds fifteen shillings for the use of John Trippe per acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Zephaniah Turner Esqr One hundred and Fifty Pounds on Account.

C. B. That the Commissary of Provisions deliver to Capt. Beriah Maybury 10 lb. Candles for the use of the Hospital

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Crysall 2 yd^{s} Duck for his own use

Monday 30th November 1778.

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Joseph Dashiell Twenty Pounds twelve shillings and six pence for the use of Willian Lander per Account passed by the Prin C^{l} to Aud Genl and seven hundred and eighty four pounds four shillings and eight pence due himself per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered that Col^{o} Joseph Dashiel sell all the Salt he has in his Possession belonging to this State at not less than six pounds per Bushel

Tuesday 1st December 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Wednesday 2^{d} December 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Nathaniel Potter Esqr Ninty Pounds for the use of Capt Thomas Wynn Lockerman & his Posse per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty the following Sums for the use of the several Persons thereto Annexed per Acc^{ts} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

James Smith one Pound five Shillings, Lodowick Kemp Twenty five Pounds Richard Hoff & his Comp^{y} Ninty one Pounds, William McKay Sixteen Pounds, seventeen Shillings & six Pence, Levy Hughes Eight Pounds, eleven shillings, Benjamin Hull Three Pounds, Jesse Pritchet One Pound fifteen Shillings, Richard Harrison six Pounds, Abraham Hoff Thirty five Pounds and Ten Pence and also the further Sum of Four Pounds ninteen Shillings for the use of Mary Cary per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Thursday 3^{d} December 1778

Present as on yesterday James Brice Esqr Attended.

Commission issued to Robert Done appointed Col^{o} of the Snow Hill Battalion of Militia in Worcester County in the room of John Done resig^{d} the 29 Septr 78

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Nevin Eighty three Pounds, seventeen Shillings for the use of William Nevin & C° per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Baker Seventeen Pounds Eight Shillings and nine pence per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Baker Fifteen hundred Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Pork for the use of this State & Au^d for

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Ridgley Forty five Pounds Fifteen Shillings per Account passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Botts who served as a Substitute for William Moore during the late Invasion of this State Fifty Pounds as Allowed by a Resolve of the Genl Assembly

Friday 4th December 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Hanson Five Pounds Ten Shillings per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Cowman Iun^r Twenty six Pounds five shillings per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to George Scott Two hundred and thirty six Pounds Fifteen Shillings and six pence Balance of Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Johns Five Pounds ten shillings am^t of Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Jacques Bagness Cloth for a Great Coat with Trimings and two pair Shoes

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to John Read Ens in the 2^d Regiment Cloth for a Coat, Waistcoat & Breeches with proper Trimings, two Shirts, two pair Shoes and one pair Stockings

Commissions issued to Valentine Shroad app^d Capt. Henry Beckley 1 Lieut, George Everhart 2^d Lieut, George Fisher Ensign Benjamin Merryman Capt, Anthony Cummins 1 Lieut Thomas Robey Ensign Thomas Stansbury 1 Lieut, Jacob Foble 2^d Lieut, Henry Bose Ensign of Capt Lemmons Comp^y & Richard Hail Ensign of Capt Murrays Comp^y belonging to the Upper Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County

Lieut. Benjamin Johns of the Matrosses Resigns his Commission which is accepted in Council

C. C.
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[Council to G. Keeports.]

In Council Annapolis 4th Decr 1778

Sir.

We have just now received a Requisition for a Guard over the Convention Troops in their Way through Frederick. We are apprehensive that there are not Public Arms sufficient in that County, wherefore we wish you to have packed up in Cases and sent forward to Colo Normand Bruce in a Waggon 150 good muskets fix'd with Bayonets, with twenty suitable Cartridges for each Musket. We cannot direct, but we request you to expedite this Business and that if a Waggon cannot be otherwise procured, one be immediately pressed

We are &ca

Capt Geo. Keeports.

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[Council to C. Beatty.]

In Council Annapolis 4th Decr 1778

Sir

We have just received a Letter from the Board of War, with a Copy of General Washingtons desiring a Guard of about 500 Militia and a supply of Waggons for the Convention Troops through Frederick County on their way to Virginia.

We are afraid that from the Delay of these Letters you will not have time to adjust the Business to your own Satisfaction or as we could wish

We imagine the Pennsylvania Militia will expect to be discharged at the Line and ours seem to be expected by General Washington to attend them no farther than across Potowmack. We wish you to get at least 500 of the Militia equipped and ready, if possible to go on Guard at the Pennyslvania Line and to keep up that Number, 'til a Guard is furnished by Virginia. Not knowing the Number of Public Arms in Frederick, but supposing they are not sufficient, we have sent Orders to Baltimore to forward 150 Stand to Colo Bruce, but no Reliance can be had on their getting up in Time, so that we would have the Militia who have Arms to take them with them.

We are &ca

Colo Charles Beatty.

[Council to N. Bruce.]

In Council Annapolis 4th Decr 1778

Sir

We have just now received Letters desiring a Guard of about 500 Men over Burgoyns Troops in their way through

Frederick, and have sent an Express to Col° Beatty to provide it and Carriage for the Baggage &ca but the Troops may be in your Neighbourhood before Things can possibly be disposed in Order; wherefore we request you to exert yourself to prevent as far as possible any Delay. We have ordered 150 Stand of Arms up from Baltimore with 20 Cartridges for each, to you, but fear they'll be too late. After they have answered the Service, if they get up in Time, or if not, as soon as you receive them be pleased to have them carefully lodged with the other Public Arms in Frederick Town C. C.

We are &ca

Col° Normand Bruce

Saturday 5th December 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday except Edward Lloyd Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Veazey Thirty nine [Pounds] for the use of William Gold allowed on his Petition to the General Assembly and passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Ridgely Junr Twenty three Pounds two Shillings and Eight pence for the use of Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

Coms of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Thomas Moore Commander of the Brig Columbus mountg 12 Car. Guns belongg to Saml & Robt Purviance & C° of Baltimore

Commissions of the Peace and Orphans Court issued to Baltimore County, as on the 20 Novemr last with an Addition of Abraham Vanbibber to the Com° of the Peace

Ordered that the Western shore Treasurer pay to George Plater Esqr Eighteen Pounds Balance of Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

Monday 7th December 1778

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice Esqr Forty two Pounds, five shillings and ten pence due him per Acct passed by the A G

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esqr one thousand Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Jackson Two hundred and twenty nine Pounds, fourteen shillings and three pence for the use of Henry Jackson & C° per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette Thirty three Pounds and Ten Pence due himself and the further Sum of Thirteen Pounds, three shillings & nine Pence for the use of Elizabeth Brooks per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to James McComas six Pounds ten shillings for the use of Elizabeth Firmagan per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the A G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to George Hilliary Twenty two Pounds fourteen shillings per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

Mr Howes Goldsborough from the House of Delegates delivers to His Excellency certain Resolutions of the Genl Assembly empowering and requesting the Govr & Council to fit and Man &c^{a} the Gallies, Independence and Baltimore to go on an Expedition against East Florida &^{ca}

Mr Lloyd from the House of Delegates delivers to his Excellency certain Resolutions of the General Assembly of the 4th Inst. respecting the Sale of the Sloop Molly and the Payment of Mr Harrison's Claim

By Virtue and in Pursuance of the Resolution of the General Assembly passed the fourth Day of this Instant the Governor and Council have confirmed and hereby do confirm the Sale of the Sloop Molly sold by Mr Richard Harrison to a certain William Bingham in the West Indies

Ordered that the Commissioner for omitting Bills of Credit pay to Richard Harrison Two hundred and one Pounds Ten shillings and ten pence in Gold or Silver at Seven shillings and six pence for each Dollar, twenty seven shillings and six pence for each Pistole and half Ives at Three Pounds each Bal^{n} of Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Commissions issued to Isaac Handy app^{d} Capt. Ballard Bozman 1 Lt Lazarus Maddox 2^{d} Lieut, James Curtis Ensign James Elzey Capt, John Irving 1 Lieut, William Jones 2^{d} Lieut, John Flemming Ensign

Thomas King Capt, Benjamin Schoolfield 1st Lieut, Robert Bailey 2^{d} Lieut, Isaac Curtis Ens. John Turpin 1 Lieut of Capt. John Williams Comp^{y} Thomas Dixon 2^{d} Lieut and Thomas Handy Ensign belonging to the Princess Ann Battalion of Militia in Somerset County

Tuesday 8th December 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac Harris Eight hundred and ninty two pounds, ten shillings due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. G^{l}

[Council to J. Bolton.] C. C. p. 206

In Council Annapolis 8th Decr 1778.

Sir.

We received yours of the 28th Novemr and 4th Instt We would have you engage without Delay at £10 a Hundred for good Pork. We send to Rock Hall, from whence we hope you can easily get them, four Barrels of excellent Salt. We have Stuff to make Barrels, but have not been able to get workmen yet; we would have no Delay for your or our Difficulties on that Account, get the Pork salted well away in Bulk and, if you cannot get furnished with proper Barrels, we'll send our own Boats and remove it loose.

Be so obliging as to write us from Time to Time, the Quantity you have and what you expect.

We are &ca

Mr John Bolton.

[Council to E. Hindman.]

In Council Annapolis 8th Decr 1778.

Sir.

Mr Joshua Clark has sent us a verbal Message that he drew out of the Treasury a Sum of Money to carry on a Public Salt Petre Work which he was desirous of returning again, but that the Treasurer thought it improper for him to receive it without particular Directions for that Purpose; we wish you to receive that or any other Money offered, giving a Receipt mentioning, in Instances like this, the Account on which the Party desires it to be received, and that you have therefore received it, subject to the Approbation of the General Assembly

Edward Hindman Esqr
Treasr of the E. Shore

We are &ca

Wednesday 9 December 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Jesse Bussey One hundred and ninty one Pounds, ten Shillings for the Use of Benjamin Amos per Account passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Mason seventy four Pounds five Shillings for the use of Benjamin Silvester per Acct passed by Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Reubin Merriwether Nine

C. B. Pounds for the use of John Dorsey of John per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Daniel Stull Ninty six Pounds Bal^{c} of Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Montjoy Bailey seventy four Pounds five Shillings per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. G^{l}

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col^{o} John H. Stone one pair Shoes to be charged to him

Commission issued to Vachel Stevens of Elk Ridge appointed Surveyor of Ann Arundel County

On the Recommendation of the Executive Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay Permission is given to David Sowle, Commander of the Sloop Ranger to Lade on board the said Sloop a Cargoe of Flour for Dartsmouth in the State aforesaid for the necessary use and Consumption of the Inhabitants of that State

C. C.
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[Council to President Laurens.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Decem^{r} 1778.

Sir.

Your Letter of the 14th of Novr and the Resolutions of Congress of the 10th inclosed were laid before the General Assembly immediately on the Receipt of them. The Legislative Appropriation of our Gallies to the Bay Service made it indispensibly necessary that the Assembly should be consulted on the proposed Change; their Resolutions on the Subject, we are directed to lay before Congress and have inclosed for that Purpose. We have thought it necessary to inclose too an Account of the present State of the two Gallies ordered on the Expedition; they are the nearest manned of any that we have. From the little success of our Exertions hitherto, we cannot flatter Congress with an Expectation of our being able soon to procure the deficient Number; the great Wages and Privileges given by private People taking up all the active and enterprising and therefore if Congress have in Pay a sufficient Number who could be conveniently turned over to this Service, we think it would much expedite the Business. Give us Leave Sir through you to request of Congress, such Sum of Money as they may think necessary for the Cloathing and Bounty offered by the Resolutions and that they will be pleased to give the necessary Orders for victualling these Gallies. We have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

President of Congress. Sir &^{ca}

[Council to Delegates in Congress.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 10th Decr 1778.

Gent

We, by this Post inclose to Congress the Resolutions of the Assembly with Respect to our Gallies going on the Expedition to the Southward; the Independence and Baltimore are destined for that Service and we are directed to Man them, including the Men already belonging to them. We have constantly endeavored to get our Gallies manned but with so little Success that whenever we send two of them down the Bay, we have been obliged to strip the others and to send a Number of our Matrosses; nor do we expect the Additional Encouragement offered will have the desired Effect; wherefore we have desired the Congress if they can, to send down the deficient Number of Men. If the Expedition is still an Object, we shall do all we can to procure the Men and push the Business forward; but we cannot but express our Apprehension that these Vessels are not safe for the Voyage at this season and we are sure that Measures ought to be well concerted for a regular supply of Provisions if they reach their Destination, for they will not carry Provisions for more than two Months, if so long, for their proper Compliment, which p. 209 ought to be, for each 80 Men, at the least. We hope to be advised immediately of the Sentiments of Congress on the Subject that we may act in Conformity to them as far as possible

and are Gent &ca

The Delegates in Congress
from Maryland

[Council to Gov. Henry.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Decr 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you a Copy of the Resolutions of our Assembly, agreeable to a Requisition contained in them. One of the Gallies destined for the Expedition carries 2–18 Pounders, 2 Twelves; 2 sixes & 4 fours; the other 2 Eighteens & 14 fours they have together about 50 Men and ought to have, at least 160. Fearing the Encouragement offered by the Assembly may not have the desired Effect, we have requested Congress, if they have Men who can be turned over to this Service, to send the deficient Number. It is much our Wish that your Gallies and ours could proceed in Company to Charles Town, but unless Congress can assist in manning ours, we think there's little Chance of it.

C. C. Congress communicated nothing more to the Executive of this State than what is contained in the Resolutions. We shall give you the earliest Information of any Change of Prospect

And are Sir with Respect &ca

Patrick Henry Esqr }
Govr of Virginia }

C. B. Friday 11 December 1778

Present as on Wednesday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Patrick Burk Ten Pounds three shillings and Nine Pence per Account passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to William Bruff three Pounds, four shillings and six pence for the use of Joseph Taylor and the further Sum of Three hundred and thirty four Pounds, ten Shillings due himself per Accts passed by the Aud G[l]

Saturday 12th December 1778

Present as on Yesterday Colo Lloyd Attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Burgess Fourteen Pounds, four Shillings and four Pence p Account passed by the Aud. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward Senr one thousand six hundred and Twenty Pounds, seven Shillings and six Pence and also the further Sum of Five hundred and ninty two Pounds, five shillings and three farthings per Accounts examined and passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Benson Stainton Esquire Fifteen Pounds for the use of Neal Price due him for taking up two Vagrants per Accounts passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Daniel Bryan Thirty two Pounds Eleven Shillings per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Hughes Esquire Two hundred and twelve Pounds for the use of Capt. Daniel Cresaps Compy Thirty four Pounds, five shillings and four Pence for the use of Adam Doyle Forty four Pounds, ten Shillings and two Pence for the use of Dennis Pusley, Seven Pounds, seventeen shillings & six Pence for the use of Frederick Stidinger per Accts passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud G[l] and Fourteen Pounds for the use of Jacob Knave & thirteen Pounds, two shillings & two pence for the use of Mich[l] Fackler per Accts passed by Aud. Gen[l]

[Council to Lord Stirling.] C. C. p. 208

In Council Annapolis 12th Decr 1778.

My Lord

Mrs Chamier the widow of Mr Chamier lately deceased, is desirous, we are informed, of returning again to this State, to her Relations, and has requested some Gentleman here of her Acquaintance may be permitted to attend her. The Bearer of this Capt John Sterrett, who we can safely mention to you as a good Whig and firm Friend to America, wishes to obtain a Flag to advise Mrs Chamier of his attending to receive her at the Lines or such Place as you may think proper, and we shall be obliged to you if you do not think it improper, to grant Capt Sterrett the Flag and that he may meet with as little Delay as the Nature of his Business makes necessary

We have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect &ca

Majr Genl Lord Sterling.

Monday 14th December 1778 C. B.

Present as on Saturday. James Hindman Esquire Attended

Richard Barnes Esqr from the Senate delivers to his Excellency the followg Resolve

By the Senate December 13th 1778

Resolved, that the Governor & Council prepare and lay before the General Assembly at their next Meeting a full and particular Estimate of the Expences of the civil and military Establishments of this State; and make out exact Lists of all Military and Naval Stores, and of all Cloathing which may be on Hand belonging to this State

By order R Ridgely Cl. S.

thus indorsed, By the House of Delegates Decemr 13th 1778 Read & assented to

By order I. Duckett Cl H. Del.

Tuesday 15th December 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Chevier, Six Pounds fifteen Shillings and six Pence per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Lloyd Esquire One thousand three hundred and seventy nine Pounds, eight Shillings & Nine pence per Account passed by the Aud Genl

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Maw Fifteen Pounds for House rent p Account passed by the Aud Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Stone Esq[r] seventy seven Pounds ten shillings per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

By his Excellency Thomas Johnson Esq[r] Governor of Maryland

A Proclamation.

With the Advice of the Council and agreeable to the Request of the General Assembly of this State, I do hereby appoint Wednesday the thirtieth Day of this Month of December to be observed throughout this State as a Day of public Thanksgiving and Praise agreeable to the Recommendations contained in the annexed Act of Congress

Given at Annapolis this fifteenth Day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy Eight

By his Excellency's Command Th Johnson

T. Johnson Jun[r] Sec[ry]

God save the State

Wednesday 16th December 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Cockey Dye Forty Eight Pounds for the Use of Leonard Belt p Petition & Account allowed by the Committee of Claims and passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Cornelius Garretson Seventy five Pounds per Account passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Taylor Twenty four Pounds for the Use of James Barton per Account passed by Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Sim Lee Esq Ninty four Pounds, ten shillings for his Attendance in Council to the 10th Nov[r] last

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crisall, four hundred Pounds on Acc[t]

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker, Twenty Pounds on Account, he going Express to Pennsylv. & the Delaware States on Pub. Business

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to William Newton Commander of the Sloop Bennington, 60 Tons Burthen, mounting 6 Carriage Guns, 4 Howitz & 10 small Arms, belonging to Sam[l] & Robert Purviance Hugh Young & C[o] of Baltimore

Thomas Sim Lee Esq. elected a Member of the Council appeared and Qualified by making a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion and taking repeating & Subscribing the several Oaths required. Cert[a] filed C. B.

[Council to C. Beatty.] C. C. p. 210

In Council 16th Dec[r] 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you a Complaint of one Peter Beaver against Andrew Bedle who he says acted as Assistant to you in procuring Waggons to go to North Carolina; he says that Bedle will neither pay him or give a Certificate; on this the Governor wrote to Bedle as you'll see by the Indorsement. Beaver is down again and says that it was shewed to Bedle who refused to give him any Satisfaction or write as desired; Beaver also shewed us the inclosed Account of Peter Criders and says Bedle treats him in the same Manner. If this Complaint is well founded, Beaver and Crider we think, are very ill used and we wish them to be righted; wherefore we request you will make Inquiry into these Matters and, if due, give Redress, if in your Power or if Bedle has either misapplied the Things taken or will not give proper Certificates or the Money, we would have you refer these People to some Gentleman of the Law to bring Suits which is the only Way which occurs to us of punishing such perverse Conduct.

We are &[ca]

Col[o] Cha[s] Beatty, Lieu[t] of Frederick County

[Circular to Governors.]

Circular In Council Annapolis 16th Dec[r] 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you a Copy of the Act of our General Assembly to prevent distilling Grain into Spirits, by the last Clause of which, your Excell[y] will see that it is to commence at the End of twenty Days after Proclamations shall be made by the Governor and Council that similar Laws have taken Place in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Delaware. The Demand for the Army, the great Scarcity in New England and the Badness of Crops in the neighbouring States, were Motives for passing this Act rather than an Apprehension of internal Want, though our Harvests have not this year been so plentiful as usual; but the Prohibition in this State, from every Part of which Grain may be so easily transported to others, would by no Means

C. C. answer the intended Purpose, unless at the same Time similar Prohibitions prevail in the neighbouring States, which we much wish; We therefore Sir, request the Favor of you to lay this Subject before the Legislature of your State and to give us the earliest Advice of the Result and, if any similar Act hath already, or should be passed, that you would oblige us with a Copy. We are &ca

To the Governors, Henry, Rodney and Reade.

C. B. Thursday 17 December 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Gale thirty pair Shoes for the use of Capt. Campbell's Compy of Matrosses in Annapolis

That the western Shore Treasurer pay to Henry Talbott Ninty Pounds due him per Account passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Fairbrother Twenty six Pounds Nine Shillings per Acct passed by the Prin Cl. Aud. Gl

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Colo William Richardson Two thousand five hundred Pounds on Acct to lay out in the Purchase of Provision for the State

Friday 18th December 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Commissions of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Clement Harrison Commander of the Sloop Dispatch 40 Tons burthen, mounting four Swivels and 8 small Arms belonging to Henry Hooper, Joseph Dawson and John Johnson

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Lowndes one hundred and forty five Pounds, five shillings and three Pence three farthings for the use of Christo Lowndes per Acct passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. G

C. C. [Council to Smallwood.]

p. 211 In Council Annapolis 18th Decemr 1778.

Sir

We inclose you a Copy of the Resolution of our Assembly, making a Present of 150£ to each of the Maryland Officers in the Continental Service, and a Copy of a Clause of an Act directing us to remit Money for paying the forty Dollars Bounty to

the nine Months Men who inlist for three years, or during the War. It was late before this Resolution and Bill passed, they having been finished the other Day, but the Resolution strongly shews the Sense the Assembly have of the Services of the Officers. We shall send the Money with what Blankets we have and some other Cloathing to Philadelphia to be lodged in the Hands of our Delegates there, where we expect you will send a proper Person to receive it and from whence you will contrive to remove the Money and Cloathing in Safety. C. C.

We are &ca

Genl Smallwood.

Saturday 19th December 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Commission issued to William Buchanan, appointed Register of Wills for Baltimore County by the General Assembly in the room of Thomas Jones who has resigned

John Woodfield a Private in Capt. Campbells Company of Matrosses who obtained a Furlough from this Board on the 14th November last for one Month to endeavour to Recover his Health but he still continues unfit for Service. It is therefore Ordered that his said Furlough be renewed for one Month Longer from this Date

Commission issued to Isaac Rawlings appointed third Lieutenant of Capt. Campbells Compy of Matrosses in the Service of this State in the room of Benjamin Johns who resigned

Commissions of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to George Buchanan Commander of the Brigantine Salisbury mounting 6 Carriage Guns and 3 small Arms 180 Tons burthen belonging to Archibald and George Buchanan & Co of Baltimore and also to Jesse Weatherby Commander of the Schooner Nelly & Polly 80 Tons burthen mounting 6 Swivels and 8 small Arms, belonging to Hugh and William McBride, James Houston and William Henry of the State of Maryland

Monday 21 December 1778

Present as on Saturday except T. Sim Lee Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Comr Thomas Grason two hundred and sixty three Pounds, two shillings for the use of and to be delivered over to Adam Gray for Beef sold the State

That the said Treasurer pay to Commo Thomas Grason Two thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Francis Baker

C. B. to be laid out by him in the Purchase of Provisions & to be Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Littel seventeen Pounds, five shillings per Account passed by the Prin[l] Cl to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esq. one hundred and fourteen Pounds for his Attendance in Council 38 Days

C. C. p. 211

[Council to F. Baker.]

In Council Annapolis 21st Dec[r] 1778.

Sir

We Yesterday received your Letters of the 16th & 19th Richard Murrow is now dispatched to you with about 45 Bushels of Salt marked R. for Col[o] Richardson, which we request you immediately to send to him, to the Mouth of Tuckahoe Creeck, of which be pleased to send him Notice, and 60 Bushels of Salt for yourself, 40 of which is Country Salt, more than a year old, for the first salting of the Pork, the rest Allum Salt for packing. Commodore Grason will go off tomorrow in one of the Gallies to take in the Staves which he will deliver to you in a few Days, with the necessary Cask; our Vessels being all out and detained longer than we expected has occasioned the Delay. We are sorry that you made any conditional Contracts, as by that Means we are subjected to give the highest Price for the Whole, that we may be compelled to make out our Quantity, for any, if we get from 30 to 40,000 from you it will do very well. We have been induced from Circumstances which have occurred since you left us to give Col[o] Richardson a Power to give as far as 30 Dollars, but we are confident, if it can be got for less, he will Act with Discretion

Any Pork that is ready, you may send by Murrow

We are &[ca]

Francis Baker

C. B.

Tuesday 22[d] December 1778

Present as on Yesterday Thomas Sim Lee Esq[r] Attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith Fifty Eight Pounds, fourteen Shillings and two Pence per Account passed by the Principal Cl. to the Aud Gen[l] & one hundred & fifty Pounds on Acc[t]

Commission issued to Benjamin Rumsay, Benjamin Mackall 4th Thomas Jones, Solomon Wright, and James Murray Esquires appointed Judges of the Court of Appeals by the General Assembly.

Wednesday 23d December 1778 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western Treasurer pay to Lieut William Judah One hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Samuel Sadler to be expended in the State Hospital in Baltimore & to be Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to William Judah, six hundred & thirty Pounds, ninteen Shillings and ten Pence on Account and also the further Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Abraham Faw, two thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds on Account

[Delegates in Congress to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

Philadelª Decemʳ 23d 1778

Dear Sir

The necessity of making some inquiry on the Subjects contained in your Letter of the 10th Decemʳ and the Reference of the Resolutions of the General Assembly to the Marine Committee, upon which no Report has yet been made, has deprived us of the Honour of answering your Letter so soon as we intended

The Expedition against Florida, always was, and still is, in our opinion a dangerous and ruinous project, attended with a certain considerable Loss and Expense, without the smallest Hope of Success or advantage; And altho' Congress have not re-considered or in any way countermanded their former orders and recommendations; yet we think it not improper privately and in Confidence to inform you, that there does not appear to us any hope of Success in prosecuting this Expedition.

The re-enforcement that we have reason to expect have been sent into that Country from the City of New York; the Distance and nature of the Country through which the Troops are to pass, before they reach Sᵗ Augustine, the place of action, joined to the Resistance they will probably meet with in Georgia, and the length of the Blockade (three months at least,) which it is said will be absolutely necessary to reduce the Garrison, fortify us in the opinion we have formed. By this we do not mean to throw impediments in the way to stop the Expedition, but simply to express our own apprehensions of the Extreme Danger, if not, total Loss of the men and vessels destined for this Expedition.

No Measures are as yet taken in this quarter for the supply of provisions and other necessaries, they seem to be left to the Chapter of Accident and the Commander in chief in the Southern Department.

Original. Whether the Gallies from Virginia will be in readiness at the time expected we cannot certainly determine, but have some Reason to believe they will not.

The Resolutions referred to the Marine Committee have not as yet been reported on, as soon as their determinations are known we shall take the earliest opportunity of communicating them to you.

We were yesterday informed by the Minister of France, that he had received the Resolves of the General Assembly respecting the Confederation. We have not seen them, nor do we know their Contents—Those Resolutions and all others of the last Session which your Excellency may deem of a public nature, and necessary for us to know, we should be happy in having communicated to us.

We are with the highest respect and Esteem

Your obedient and very h^ble^ Serv^ts^

John Henry Junr

Wm Carmichael

C. B. Thursday 24 December 1778

Present as on Yesterday except Danl Carroll Esquire

Pardon granted to Negro Joe, Slave of Jeremiah Nichols of Caroline County for Felony

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice Esqr Ninty nine Pounds for his Attendance in Council 33 Days

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reith, Fourteen Pounds, Eleven Shillings & Eight Pence for 1 Months Salary due the 23^d^ Inst. and also the further Sum of Eleven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings for the Additional Allowance from the Commencement of the last Session of the Genl Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to William Logan Twenty five Pounds per Acc^t^ passed by the Prin^l^ Cl. to the Aud. G^l^

C. C. p. 212 [Council to N. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 24th Decr 1778

Sir.

We just now received your Letter of the 22^d^ There cannot be a Vendue of the Iron, we wish you to sell it as fast as you can, at private Sale. The Matter of an Allowance for your keeping an Horse, was mentioned long since to the Council and it was then thought we could not, with Propriety, make it and we believe you were either verbally or by Letter, so informed

and further that the Governor and Council wished you to state your Claim to the Assembly who alone can properly make such Allowances, without a previous Provision C. C.

We are &ca

Majr Nathl Smith.

Friday 25 December 1778

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Thomas Johnson Commander of the Schooner Dragon, Forty Tons burthen, mounting 2 Carriage Guns, 2 Swivels and 7 small Arms, belonging to Hugh Young & others Balt.

Thursday 31. December 1778

Pr James Brice, Edward Lloyd & James Hindman Esquires

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette Fifty Pounds, seven shillings & seven Pence per Acct passed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Bennett Matthews One hundred and Fifty Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Nevin seven Pounds ten Shillings p Accot passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Gl

Friday 1st January 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the Commanding Officer at the Fort deliver to Mr Joseph Eastman 1½ Tons Pig Iron to be returned or paid for

Saturday 2d January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Shaw Three Pounds, fifteen shillings and one penny half penny for the use of Willis Newton and also the further Sum of Ninteen Pounds one shilling for the Use of Thomas Logan & Compy p Accounts passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl for Guards over British Prisoners

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Shaw Thirty two Sheets Tin

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Lansdale of the 4th Maryland Regiment of Continental Troops One hundred and fifty Pounds for his own Use,

C. B. One hundred and fifty Pounds for the Use of and to be delivered over to Lieut. James Bruff of the 6th Regiment and One hundred and fifty Pounds for the Use of and to be delivered over to Lieut. John Smith of the 6th Regiment the allowance to the Officers by the late Act of Assembly

Monday 4th January 1779

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut. Edward Gale Twenty eight thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Major John Howard at Baltimore Town by him to be delivered to General Smallwood Twenty four thousand Pounds whereof to be issued and applied towards the Payment of the hundred and fifty Pounds allowed to each Officer of the Maryland Troops in the Continental Service by Resolve of the General Assembly and the remaining four thousand Pounds to be issued and applied in the Payment of the State Bounty to 9 Month's Men who reinlist according to the Act of Assembly

C. C. [Council to Smallwood.]

In Council Annapolis 4th Jany 1779

Sir.

We inclose you a Copy of our Letter of the 18th of last Month and also of the Resolution and Clause of the Act of Assembly mentioned to be sent therewith. Immediately after writing our former Letter, the Weather sat in so severe that all Intercourse with the Head of the Bay was stopped, which prevented our sending the Blankets and other Articles of Clothing, as we intended; they shall however be sent as soon as they can with any prospect of getting them forward. We send Lieut Gale with twenty eight thousand Pounds to be delivered to Majr Howard in Baltimore where we hear he and several other Officers and Men are who came down as an Escort to the Convention Troops, expecting that he will take Charge of and deliver it to you, 24,000£ of which we have sent for the Purpose of your issuing 150£ to each Officer agreable to the Resolution of the Assembly and the other £4000, to pay the forty Dollars Bounty to such of the nine Months Men as have inlisted or may inlist, agreable to the Act.

We shall be obliged to you for a Line acknowleging the Receipt of this and the Money; we have paid the £150 to Capt Thomas Landsdale of the 4th and Lieuts James Bruff and John Smith of the 6th

We are &ca

General Smallwood

[Council to Howard.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 4th Jany 1779 p. 213

Sir

Mr Gale who will deliver you this will also deliver to you 28,000£ and a Letter to Genl Smallwood; the Money is designed to be sent to him for the Purposes of paying the 150£ allowed by the Assembly to the Maryland Officers and the State Bounty to the nine Months Men who reinlist.

We have been induced to desire you to take Care of and deliver the Money to Genl Smallwood from Capt Landsdales informing us you have the Command of a Party of the Maryland Troops who are to go to the Jersies and join the other Maryland Troops there, and are very glad so favourable an Opportunity has presented.

We have also directed 100 Pair of Shoes and 100 Pair of Stockings to be sent you for your Men, which we expect you'll receive about the Time of your receiving this; we could not furnish Shirts.

We are Sir &ca

Majr John E. Howard
at Baltimore.

Tuesday 5th January 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Frederick Grammer for the Use of John Laypole Sixty two Pounds, one shilling and Twelve Pounds one shilling & six pence due him per Acct passed by the P. C. to Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Zachariah Allen Fifty seven Pounds Fifteen shillings for the use of George Ranken ꝑ acct passed by the P. Cl. to A. Gl

Wednesday 6th January 1779

Present as on yesterday. Thomas Sim Lee Esqr attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Beriah Maybury Ninty nine Pounds, eighteen Shillings and six Pence per Account passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Gl and also the further Sum of Fifty Pounds on Account

Thursday 7 January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Huet

C. B. Nutter, seventy Pounds sixteen shillings and four pence per Acᵗ passed by the Prinˡ Cˡ. to the Aud. Gˡ

That the said Treasurer pay to John Robert Boyd, Thirty eight Pounds thirteen shillings and Eight Pence per Accᵗ passed by the Prinˡ Cl. to the Aud. Genˡ

Friday 8 January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Gale sixteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings and six Pence per Account passed by the Prinˡ Cl. to the Aud. Gˡ

That the E. S. Treasurer pay to Colᵒ William Richardson Four thousand Pounds to be by him expended in the Purchase of Pork for the use of this State on Accᵗ

That the W. S. Treasurer pay to Cornelius Garretson, Fifty seven Pounds thirteen shillings and four Pence ꝑ Accᵗ passed by the Prinˡ Cl. to the Aud. Genˡ

Edward Hindman Treasurer of the Eastern shore Resigns his Commission and Henry Dickinson appointed in his stead

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Twenty Pounds per Accᵗ passed by the Prinˡ Cl. to the Aud. Genˡ

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Fifty five Pounds per Account passed by the Prinˡ Cl. to the Aud. Genˡ

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to James Forbes Commander of the Sloop Annapolis, 70 Tons burthen, mounting 2 Howitz, 2 Swivels & four small Arms, belonging to James Williams and William Pollard

C. C. [Council to Richardson.]

In Council Annapolis 8ᵗʰ Janʸ 1779

Sir.

We this Morning received yours of the 3ᵈ Inst. and inclose you an Order on your Treasurer for £4000. We are glad to hear that you have been so successful in your Purchase. What you have agreed for, if the 30000 should come in as you expect, we take chearfully, but as the Quantity we have will be fully sufficient, we would not have you extend your Purchase farther. The Difficulty of getting Barrels is so great with us, that we can give you no Assistance in that Article. We shall send you a further Quantity of Salt, as soon as we can, but if it should not reach you by the Time you want it, supply yourself by all Means if you can

We are &ᶜᵃ

Colᵒ Wm. Richardson.

Saturday 9 January 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

William Geddes Naval Officer of the eighth District resigns his Commission

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Aquila Johns, Commander of the Ship Buckskin, 200 Tons burthen, mounting 28 Carriage Guns, and 24 small Arms, belonging to Samuel and Robert Purviance; John Crockett & others of Baltimore

Monday 11 January 1779

Present as on Saturday

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Ignatius Fenwick Commander of the Brigantine Sally 90 Tons burthen, mounting 10 Carriage Guns, 4 Swivels and 15 small Arms, belonging to Archibald Buchanan, Daniel Bowley, William Hammond & others of Baltimore

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Hyde sixty five Pounds Eighteen Shillings & six Pence half Penny due him for his Attendance as Assistant Cl. to the Governor & Council due the 5 Instant

[Council to Judges.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 11th Jany 1779

Sir.

The General Assembly having appointed yourself, Benjamin Mackall the 4th Thomas Jones, Solomon Wright and James Murray, Judges of the Court of Appeals, the Commission is accordingly issued, of which we think proper to give you this Information

We are &ca

Benja Rumsey & others
Judges of the Court of Appeals

Tuesday, 12 January 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday except James Hindman Esqr

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Forty five Pounds due him per Account passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

C. B. Wednesday 13 Ianuary 1779.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Frederick Green Two hundred and fifty Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to James Hodges Iun^{r} Ninty two Pounds, five Shillings for the use of William Houston ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to A. G.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. James Fernandes of the 1st Maryland Regiment in the Continental Service One hundred and fifty Pounds due to him by a Resolution of the General Assembly

Thursday 14 January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to his Excellency Governor Johnson, Two hundred & forty six Pounds for 41 Blankets sold the State

Friday 15th January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Twenty eight Pounds for the Use of Wm Gordon per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Campbell, eleven Pounds, five shillings due to him per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl. to the Aud. Genl and also the further Sum of Two hundred and two Pounds, fifteen shillings for the Use of the Noncommissioned Officers and Privates of his Comp^{y} due to them for deficiency of Cloathing for the year 1778 per Acc^{t} passed by the Prin^{l} Cl.

Saturday 16 January 1779

Present as on yesterday. Danl Carroll Esqr Attended.

By and with the advice of the Council Death Warrant issued to Negroe Matt, Slave of William Dawson of Talbot County for Murder

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Commodore Thomas Grason three hundred and seventy eight Pounds, one shilling & four Pence on Account of the Conqueror Galley per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Monday 18 Ianuary 1779 C. B.

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esq[r]

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette Eighty One Pound five shillings due him per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Hanson, Ninteen Pounds thirteen shillings and four Pence and the further Sum of Twenty one Pound sixteen shillings and ten Pence the last Sum for the Use of Cap[t] Buck and his Comp[y] of Militia per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Tuesday 19 January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Fifteen Pounds amount of Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Camp Middlebrook 20th January 1779

Dear Sir

I have recieved your favour of the 18th December last and your Requisitions shall be complied with immediately as I recieve intimation of the Arival of the Cash and Clothing in Philadelphia from our Delegates.

It gives me great pleasure that I shall now be enabled to secure to my Country such of her nine months men, as are disposed to remain in the Service, who otherwise upon being discharged might be engaged by other States, and their service lost to our own.

I have since I wrote you on the 1st Ins[t] Inlisted and furlough'd near one hundred of them out of my Brigade, who are marched in detachments under proper Officers to such parts of the State, where it may be most convenient to dismiss them to return to their Respective Homes, with Instructions to rendezvous at a particular time and place in the spring to be marched to Camp under an Officer to join their Regiments respectively

I shall Continue to engage as many as I can, and such who do not incline, or whose particular circumstances may not Admit of entring the Service at a proper time shall be marched in a body under an Officer, who shall be instructed to supply Provision on their Rout, and discharge them, in such part of the State as may be thought most elligible, to obviate their falling thro' distress and want into the Service of other States and being lost to ours.

Original The Construction and Resolution of the present Assembly, on the former resolution of the late Assembly respecting the powers intended to be vested in Gen[l] Washington to settle the Rank of our Line, will I fear occasion many resignations in the Regular and flying Camp Corps, many Officers in both now Complain and say they fully understood from the engagement and promisses of the late Assembly, that it was their intention and desire that justice should be done, and for that purpose engaged to convey full powers to the General, under that impression they agreed to remain in Service 'till their Rank was established, expecting as an Introduction to that, that the Regular or flying Camp Rank should be established, as a General, ruling Principle, to settle the relative Rank of Officers in the different Corps, and after that was Adjusted, each to rise regularly by an established and invariable Rule, from the Antecedent Rank respectively held, adding if that was not the Case, why had not the Assembly been more explicit, to what purpose was it to create a Confidence in them, that full powers were to be conveyed to the General to do Iustice in such Instances, where undue promotions had been made, Particularly when Iun[r] Officers of the same degrees with Sen[r] were promoted above them a Grade higher than the Rank they respectively held in 1776 and their Seniours still remaining under the present establishment to this day in the Rank they held in 1776 tho' their Iun[rs] at that Time, have ever since stood and by the present Resolution must remain a degree higher, of which there are many Instances in the Relative Rank between Officers in the flying Camp Viz. Iun[r] Cap[t] in 1776 Promoted over Senior to Majorities, the Sen[r] standing now in the same degree they then held, and Iun[r] Lieu[ts] over Sen[rs] to Captaincies, in like manner Iun[r] Ensigns over Sen[r] to Lieutenancies and in one or more Instances to Captaincies over all the first & Second Lieut[s]

There are Similar cases in the regular Line, but the Instances there, are much less frequent than in the flying Camp. The injured Officers justly urge on each side of the Question, that the Establishment of the Regular or flying Camp Rank was not so much an Object of their apprehension and disgust, as the Partial and undue Promotions, which if the Assembly determined not to convey powers to alter, why did they not declare it as this was the principal objection, and the only one which the Officers would not wave as will appear from their Letter to the Assembly, and the Letter from the Senate to the Gen[l] clearly indicates that such powers were meant to be conveyed, if the late Assembly had explicitly declared otherways, as they probably would and ought to have done if they meant it, they could not have expected to have retained one

of those Officers, or that they would have come out under any other Confidence, than that they understood full powers were to be given to fix the General Principle of Rank between the Corps, and after that was laid to Alter undue Promotions, as they must have been conscious the latter was an Object which the Officers could not get over, who now Complain doubly of the breach of Confidence after so long a Service, which they now declare they would not have remained a day in, under such glaring Acts of Partiality Original

The Brevet Officers Complain of no reserve being made for them who are intitled upon every Military Principle, but under the present Construction and Resolution they must Suffer with the others in the above recited Instances what the event will be I don't know but I dread the Consequences and fear their Effects will be too soon felt upon Gen[l] Washingtons return from Philad[a] for experience thus far has taught me that such a number of season'd brave Officers, who have mostly had three years experience and Actual Service will be no inconsiderable loss, out of the Line of the troops of any State upon the Continent

I have inclosed you a return of the State of my Brigade, and shou'd have transmitted a Similar one of the Maryland Division, could it have been Obtained, but it is not now under my Command

We have just recieved Advice of part of the Cork fleet having arrived in New York which was said to be intercepted, nothing new here at present

I remain with sincere regard
Your very Obd[t] Hble Serv[t]
W Smallwood

Thursday 21 January 1779 C. B.

Present as on Tuesday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Bagness Cloth for a p[r] Breeches, and two pair Shoes

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Luther Martin Esq[r] Two hundred and fifty Pounds per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. G[l]

The Congress having laid aside the Design of employing the Baltimore & Independence Gallies, Com[o] Grason is therefore Ordered not to enlist any Men for a Southern Expedition in Consequence of our Former Orders and he is to give Orders accordingly to the Officers in his Department

Friday 22[d] January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John

C. B. Jerem[a] Jacobs of the 6th Maryland Regiment, One hundred and fifty Pounds the Allowance made by the General Assembly to each of such Officers

That the said Treasurer pay to Simon Ratalack, Twenty Pounds two shillings and six Pence to be delivered over to Robert Ridge per Acc[t] passed by A. G[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to George Piercy Twenty Pounds, ten shillings per Acc[t] passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. G[l]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col[o] Benjamin Ford of the 6th Regiment one pair Shoes

Saturday 23rd January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Permission is given to David Stewart of this State to go out of the same in any Vessel in Potowmack River bound to France or Spain

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Commodore Thomas Grason, Forty one Pounds, for the use of Joseph Middleton, Fifty Pounds for the use of Thomas Calvert and One hundred and sixty Pounds four shillings and three pence for the use of the Officers and Men belonging to the Dolphin per Accounts passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander Contee Hanson Esq[r] Two hundred and thirty four Pounds, seven shillings & six Pence per Acc[t] passed by the Prin[l] Cl. to the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Col. Benjamin Ford of the 6th Regim[t] One hundred and fifty Pounds due him by Resolve of the General Assembly

Whereas it appears to this Board by the Oath of a Credible Witness that the Rev[d] John Montgomery hath lately been in New York a City in the Possession of the Enemy contrary to the Act of Assembly in such Case made and Provided. You are therefore hereby required to arrest the said John Montgomery and him bring before this Board or before some Judge or Justice that he may be dealt with for the said Offence according to Law and for your so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant & Authority

To the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County

Monday 25 January 1779

Present as on Saturday Thomas Sim Lee Esq[r] Attended

Ordered that the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Francis

Baker, Two thousand Pounds on Acc^{t} to be expended in the C. B.
Purchase of Pork &^{ca} for the use of this State

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reith, Fourteen Pounds, eleven shillings and Eight pence due him the 23^{d} Inst. for one Month Salary as Messenger to the Governor & Council

Ordered that William Goldsmith deliver to John Davidson 5 sides of Sole Leather and one Side of Upper Ditto

Tuesday 26th January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Stephen Rawlings Forty five Pounds, Fifteen shillings Am^{t} of Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beall Capt. of a Maryland Comp^{y} of Riflemen in the Continental Service, One hundred and fifty Pounds the Allowance made by the General Assembly.

Commission issued to Joshua Beall, Christ^{o} Lowndes, Wm Lock Weems David Craufurd, John Harrison, Richard Henderson, Thomas Gantt Junr Luke Marbury Thomas Clagett, Trueman Skinner, Alexander Howard Magruder, Osborn Sprigg Fielder Bowie, George Lee, Benjamin Hall, son Fra^{s} Thomas Williams, Thomas Magill, Thomas Boyde, William Lyles, William Berry, James Mullikin, James Beck, Henry Rozer, Frank Leeke, Samuel Hepburn, John Brown, Abraham Boyde, and John Smith Brooks, appointed Justices of the Peace for Prince Georges County and also to Joshua Beall, Christ^{o} Lowndes, David Craufurd, Thomas Clagett, Richard Henderson, Alexander Howard Magruder, and Frank Leeke appointed Justices of the Orphans Court for Prince Georges County

[Council to James Calhoun.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 26th Jany 1779

Sir

Mr Griest represents to us that very soon after his Appointment as Quarter Master, which was about the last of August 1777, he purchased a considerable Quantity of Corn for the Use of this State, that a Part of it remaining on Hand unexpended, he got Mr Welsh to retail it out in small Quantities to the People who were in great Want of it; that some Proceeding has been carried on against him and Mr Welsh as Engrossers of this Corn and that in Consequence of it the Corn was delivered to you by Order of the Justices and part

C. C. of it has been taken for the use of the Continent, that afterwards you returned the Key to Mr Welsh who has sold out what remained to the needy Inhabitants and that both Mr Griest and Mr Welsh are to be bound over on Account of this Matter to the General Court. We do not know whether the Fact is as represented or not that is, whether the Corn seized is Part of that purchased for the Use of the State but we presume, if the Fact is so and you have any Doubt of the Truth of it, it may be easily proved; and if the Fact is so, we think this Corn was not within the Ingrossing Act, nor was there any Necessity it should have been an Object of it. The Purchases made by either Continental or State Agents for the Public Use, is declared not to be ingrossing and by the Act, those Things only which are ingrossed are Seizable. The State indeed had no particular Use for the Corn in its Situation and, had it been proposed to us, we should have directed the Sale of it much in the Manner it is represented to have been done or if its being there had been mentioned to us and your Desire to have it, we should have ordered it into your Hands, either Application would have been agreeable to us. If you have no Doubt of the Corn belonging to the State, or Mr Griest should prove it satisfactorily, we apprehend there will not need any Trouble about it, but that you'll pay the Price you generally give for that Part of the Corn you have had for the Continent, and Mr Griest will give the State Credit for it; and if the Iustices should be of Opinion they must bind Mr Griest and Mr Welsh over, the Prosecution may be stopped by the Government

We are &ca

James Calhoun Esqr
Baltimore

C. B. Wednesday 27. January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Aquila Paca nine Pounds, ten shillings, and also the further sum of Twenty Pounds, five shillings to be delivered over to Alexander McComas ꝑ Acct passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Absalom Ridgely Twelve Pounds due him per Acct passed by the Prinl Cl. to the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Colo Samuel Smith, seventeen Pounds, eight shillings Bal. of Acct passed by the Auditor Genl

Whereas it Appears to this Board by the Oath of a credible

Witness that the Reverend John Montgomery hath lately been in New York a City in Possession of the Enemy contrary to the Act of Assembly in such case made and Provided. C. B.

Wherefore the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County on the 23d Day of this Instant Jany was commanded by this Board to arrest the said John Montgomery and him bring before this Board or before some Judge or Justice that he might be dealt with for the said Offence according to Law of which said Warrant or Command no return hath been yet made to this Board. You are therefore hereby commanded & required if the said John Montgomery shall be found within your County, and he shall not have been before arrested by the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County on the said recited Warrant, that you arrest and take the said John Montgomery and him immediately bring before this Board or before some Judge or Justice that he may be dealt with for the said Offence according to Law, and for your so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant and Authority

To the Sheriff of Baltimore County

[Council to Nathl Smith.] C. C.

In Council 27th January 1779

Sir.

Major Howard has the charge of a considerable Sum of Public Money for Camp; it was put into his Hands for a Safe Conveyance, he then having a Detachment with him, but his Detachment is gone foward; if he is not gone we request you to send with him one of the Matross Officers and a Sergeant armed to proceed with him to Camp or to Philadelphia only, as Major Howard may judge proper, for we think it imprudent to risk the Money with a single Person. You will take a Sergeant who can be depended on, and let their Business be as little known as may be

We are &ca

Majr Nathl Smith
Baltimore

[Council to Howard.]

In Council Annapolis 27th Jany 1779

Sir

Colo Smith tells us that your Detachment went off before you and that you may probably not have been gone yet, nor the Money for Genl Smallwood sent. The Reason of troubling you with it was the Certainty of its being safe against a

C. C. Robbery, if, as we expected, you had went with your Detachment, and understanding now you are like to go alone, we have directed Major Smith to order one of his Officers and a Serjeant to go with you to Philadelphia or Camp, as you may think proper. If you meet with any Officers at Philadelphia with whom you go in Company to Camp, we would have ours return; if not, take them with you to Camp or til you have good Company enough to secure you against a Robbery, which would very probably be attempted on any single Man, known to have a large sum of Money.

We are &ca

Maj^r John E. Howard
at Baltimore

C. B. Thursday 28 January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Joel Higginbottom six Pounds, twelve shillings and one Penny p Acc^t passed by the Prin^l Cl. to the Aud. Genl

C. C. [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 28th Jany 1779

Gen^t

We inclose you a Copy of a Letter received the Day before yesterday from Messrs Morris and Whipple & of its Inclosure. Mr Wadworths State of the Difficulties he is under in his Department is very alarming; we imagine it not improbable that he has laid before Congress or some Committee of it, a Calculation of what is necessary for the Subsistance of the Army 'til Harvest, and the Quantity on Hand, so that we may be at some Certainty of the Quantity wanted. We inclose you a Copy of our late Act to prevent Ingrossing, which you will see does not impower a Seizure of Grain in the Hands of any but Ingrossers, nor are the Powers left in the Hands of the Governor & Council, Competent to force from the Possessors, any Flour or Grain, so that if the real State of the Commissary's Department requires any extraordinary Measures, the General Assembly only can provide the Remedy. At this Season tired as the Members are with frequent and long Sessions, a Meeting will be very inconvenient, and nothing but Necessity can justify an immediate Call of the Assembly; we have therefore sent this Express, who we wish you to dispatch as soon as possible, and request you'll give us all the Information you can on the Subject, which will determine us,

as to calling the Assembly to meet as soon as may be, or not. C. C.
If, from the Situation of the Army, the Assembly must be called, it would be well the Committee on the Commissary's Department should apprize us of the Quantity expected from this State, for the Assembly will not probably introduce extraordinary Measures to obtain an indefinite Quantity. In the Resolution of Congress of the 5th Jany ascertaining the Proportion of each State of the 15,000,000 of Dollars, sent us by the President, Maryland is set down at 1700,000 in the News Papers we see Maryland is set down at 1,560,000; which of these is the true Sum? Pray furnish us with the Pay of the Officers &ca in the Marine, the Pay Rations & allowances to the Officers &ca of the Artillery, what Cloathing was allowed to the Non-commissioned Officers and Privates in the marching Regiments for 1778 excuse the Trouble and be so obliging as to give us an Answer to this Paragraph as soon as convenient.

We are &ca

Delegates in Congress
from Maryland

Resolved That the Governor and Council prepare and lay before the General Assembly at their next Meeting a full and particular Estimate of the Expences of the Civil and Military Establishments of this State and make out exact Lists of all Military and Naval Stores and of all Cloathing which may be on Hand belonging to this State

Friday 29 January 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Philemon Griffith of a Riffle Compy One hundred and fifty Pounds due by Resolve of the Genl Assembly

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Osborn Williams of the 3d Regiment One hundred and fifty Pounds due by Resolve of the Genl Assembly

Matthias Bordley a Native of this State who hath been absent therefrom in Great Britain & other Parts beyond the Sea's for about eleven years last past and hath lately that is to say within three months now last past returned into this State appeared before the Governor and Council and before them did take repeat and Subscribe the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State.

William Spear, George Lindenberger & Peter Shepherd, Justices of the Peace for Baltimore County certify under their

C. B. Hands and Seals, that six hundred & two Bushels and one half Bushel of Indian Corn seized by James Calhoun Esqr Deputy Quarter Master General, in the Hands of Isaac Griest, was adjudged to be seizable under an Act of Assembly of this State and was delivered to the said James Calhoun Esqr

Andrew Buchanan & Edward Cockey Iustices of the Peace for Baltimore County certify that "nine Barrels of Flour the property of Robert Riddle was seized by Robert Buchanan Assistant Commissary of Purchases which has been Iudged to be engrossed contrary to Law"

C. C. [Council to Turner.]

In Council 29th Jany 1779

Sir

The above is a Copy of the Resolution of the 13th of December last of the General Assembly. The accounts of all expences of the Civil and Military Establishments of this State being kept by you, it is in your Power only to make the best and most particular Estimate of them: We therefore request you will furnish us, as soon as it can well be done, with the actual Expence of the Year 1778 under the Heads of The Civil Establishment. The Marine the Matross and the Militia, and of general Charges, which may not be standing Expences but occasional, or any other more particular Heads, as you find convenient and think proper, remarking and adding the further Allowance, if any made, for the year 1779. We are very desirous of being so exact and particular as to afford the satisfaction desired

We are &^ca

Zephaniah Turner Esqr
Auditor General.

Original [Delegates in Congress to Gov. Johnson.]

Sir

Congress have not yet laid down any permanent Principle to ascertain each State's Proportion of Men and Money: what is suggested on this subject in the Articles of Confederation is not compleated and therefore could not be adopted. The late apportionment of Monies was made according to Principles which originally obtained that is according to the number of Souls in each State as ascertained by Estimates formerly furnished by the Delegates.

But even this mode was not strictly attended to: Rhode Island & New York being invaded were unable to pay the

whole of their Proportion and Georgia for the like Cause not able to pay any Money at all: the Deficiency of these States was thrown on the rest tho' not in equal Dividends some of the States having taken upon themselves more than their Proportion, induced by the Idea that they can contribute to such their Debt with more Facility while they abound in Paper Emissions than when the Quantity is reduced and our Currency appreciated: Part of this Deficiency has been imposed on Maryland, but less than her Proportion of it. Original.

Congress having adopted a temporary trade of apportionment and not intending to conclude the States by it have to prevent Injury from unequal assessments resolved that all the sums of Money which the States are called on to raise shall be placed to their respective Credits on Interest. When the Rule therefore of apportionment comes to be established such States who shall be found to have advanced beyond their annual Quota will be compensated by Interest on such Advances.

We have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servants
Wm Paca
John Henry Junr
Wm Carmichael

[Indorsed Jany 29, 1779]

[Council to Calhoun.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 30th Jany 1779

Sir.

Col^o Smith proposed to put the Blankets you purchased for the State under the Care of some Men he has going to Camp; be pleased to deliver them to him for that Purpose and direct them to Mr John Randall our Agent there.

We are &^ca

James Calhoun Esqr
Baltimore

[Council to Messrs. Purviance.]

In Council Annapolis 30th Ian^y 1779

Gen^t

Your Letter of yesterday by Maj^r Smith, was laid before the Board this Morning. We are glad that so considerable a Body of the Merchants in Baltimore are determined on extraordinary Exertions for the Protection of the Trade and they may be assured that we shall chearfully contribute every Thing

C C in our Power to render them effectual. We cannot give the Direction or Officering of the State Vessels into the Hands of others, it is incompatible with our Duty, but we should be glad to have a Conversation with any of you and some of the Officers who are proposed for the Service, on the Subject of the Letter, and flatter ourselves that the Matter may be conducted to the Satisfaction of every Body and with, at least, as much Despatch as on the Plan proposed

We are Gen^{t} &^{ca}

Messrs Saml & Robt Purviance & the other Gen^{t} of Balt^{o} subscribing the Letter of the 29th Ian^{y} to Govr Johnson.

C B

Monday 1 February 1779

Present as on Friday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut. Charles Smith of the 1st Maryland Regiment, One hundred and fifty Pounds due him by Resolve of the G. Ass^{y}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Davidson two hundred and eighty two Pounds for the Use of and to be delivered over to Archibald Buchanan being a just and reasonable Allowance to the said A. Buchanan in the Opinion of this Board for the use of his Ship yard whilst the Independence and Annapolis were building as well as for his own Services in and about superintending the said Vessels under the Agreement made the first Day of Augt 1776 with the then Council of Safety

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Charles Smith 6 pair Shoes and 5 pair Stockings for the first Regiment.

Tuesday 2^{d} February 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Benj^{a} Mackall Esqr seven Pounds, eleven shillings per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud.Genl

Commissions issued to Nathaniel Wilson appointed Captain Allen Roberts 1st Lieut, John Mills 2^{d} Lieut and Joseph Taney Ensign of a Comp^{y} of Calvert County

Wednesday 3^{d} February 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut

George Armstrong on the 3d Maryland Regiment, One hundred and Fifty Pounds, due him by Resolve of the General Assembly C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson junr One hundred and three Pounds, ninteen shillings and one penny for his Attendance as Clerk to the Governor & Council for the 20th Oct. 1778 to the 1 Feby 1779

Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly entitled An Act for the Relief of sundry of the Inhabitants of this State passed at the last Session it is enacted that the several Petitioners therein named and every of them shall be excused from paying any Assessment theretofore imposed on the Inhabitants of this State and in Case the Sheriff or Collector should then already have received the same Assessment or any part part thereof, such Sheriff or Collector should be obliged to Account with the Person or Persons from whom he might have received the same and should refund such Money so received, which said Money so refunded such Sheriff or Collector should be allowed on the Settlement of his Account with the Commissioners of Cecil County aforesaid as also for his Commission in collecting the same and that in all Similar Cases it should and might be Lawful for the Governor & Council of this State to give the like Relief by making an Allowance in the then present or any future Assessment under the Proviso that no Person or Persons should be relieved by the Governor and Council from the then present or any future Assessments but such as should have taken and subscribed the Oath or Affirmation of Fidelity aud Support to this State as directed and prescribed by the Act for the better Security of the Government, and Whereas the several Inhabitants of Cecil County following to wit. Andrew Crow Senr James Hukill, Zebulon Beasting, Elizabeth Rider, Spencer Holtham, Edward Foard, Benja Sluyter, William Jones, Andrew Hughes, StClair Lancaster, Susanna Vander Grist, Samuel Morrison, Samuel Glenn, James Lawrenson, Richard Taylor, Michael Styles, Moses Cockran, William Wood, William Taylor, Thomas Brevard, Jere Taylor Valentine Carpenter, Michael McGillon, Samuel Hutchenson, Richard Ford, Andrew Miller, Elie Alexander, Thomas Richardson Richard Huckill, Daniel Huckill David Alexander Elias Owings, Edward Armstrong, Samuel Hughes, John Bristow, Evan Beall, Margaret Gordon, Andrew Wallace, David Black. John Holland, Peter Bayard, John Jobson, John Mullan, Jacob Hudson, Samuel Bayard, John Price, Sidney George Roland Hughes, Richard Foard Senr Iulian Moor, Richard Boulding Ford, Rachel Stoops, Samuel Roberts, Lambert Elsbury, Richard Beasting, Samuel Veazey, Benjamin Whittam, Ephraim Thompson, Joseph Rider, Frede's

C. B. Ryland, John Barrington, Richard Ellis, Richard Thompson Senr David Lewis, John Bristow, William Linch, Isaac Holt, Jacob Manly, John Moody, Alexander Moody, Jacob Johnson, Sampson Currer, James See, Thomas Murphy, Francis Boyce, Isaac Hyland, James Roach, Philip Roach, Thomas Burman, John Veazey, John Rawlings, Hyland Price, Richard Hodson Menassa Logue, Ephraim Logue, Rebecca McCay, Robert Mansfield, Robert Thompson, Richard Thompson, Iun^r Edward Shields, Elizabeth Latham, and George Catto appear to this Board to be in Similar Circumstances with the Persons named in and relieved by the said recited Act and that each of them who is male hath taken & Subscribed the Oath or Affirmation of Fidelity & Support to this State as directed and prescribed by the Act for the better Security of the Government. Wherefore the Governor & Council do by Virtue of the Power conferred on them in and by the said recited Act hereby give the like Relief and Allowance as to and concerning the Public Assessment or Assessments made before the Beginning of the last Session of the General Assembly to and in favour of all and every of the Persons herein before named as is given by the said recited Act to and in Favour of the Petitioners therein named and every of them of which the Sheriff or Collector of Cecil County and all other Persons concerned are hereby enjoined to take Notice.

Thursday 4th February 1779

Present as on yesterday

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to William Weems Commander of the Sloop Little Sam, mounting 6 Carriage Guns, 4 Swivels & 12 small Arms belonging to David Weems, Samuel Chew & others of Maryland

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Shaw, two hundred and eighty one Pounds, eighteen shillings & six Pence due per Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud

C. C. p. 217

[Council to Gist.]

In Council Annapolis 4th Feby 1779

Sir.

We cannot, at present, say any Thing about the Prisoners taken by Captain Sanders more than, that they be put into close Confinement. We expect five or six more from Herring Bay, whom we shall send up, and then give Orders with respect to the Whole.

We are &^ca

Genl Gist.

[Council to Gist.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 4th Feby 1779

Sir

Capt Murray has expectations of being exchanged for Capt Frazier of the Prize taken by Capt Sanders, and thinks it may be immediately brought about by sending Capt. Frazier up to Philadelphia; you will therefore give Capt Frazier up to Capt. Murray or the Person he may appoint to receive him for the Purpose of carrying him to Philadelphia.

Genl Gist.

[Council to Bradford.]

In Council Annapolis 4th Feby 1779

Sir.

A Privateer from New York a few Days ago, took a Vessel from St Eustatia, bound and belonging to Virginia; the Captors immediately manned her and, far within the Cape she attacked Capt Sanders in a Sloop, a private armed Vessel owned in this State; Capt Sanders proved too hard for the Assailants and retook the Virginian; we have ordered the Prize Master or Captain, one Frazier to Philadela with Intention that he should be exchanged for Capt Alexander Murray who was taken in Novemr in the Brig Saratoga, owned in this State, by the Unicorn Frigate, and has been permitted to come out of New York on Parole. We apprehend there can be no Objection to the Exchange; we have desired and shall be obliged to you for having it effected as soon as may be.

Mr Thomas Bradford
Philadelphia

We are &ca

Friday 5th February 1779. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Dunovan Adjutant of the 6th Maryland Regiment in the Continental Service One hundred and fifty Pounds, due him by Resolve of the General Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Zephaniah Turner Esqr One hundred & Twenty Pounds Eight Shillings & Eleven Pence due him per Acct passed by the D. Aud

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury Eighty four Pounds Eleven shillings per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl and also the further sum of Fifty Pounds on Account

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Mc Pherson Lieut of the 1st Maryland Regiment Sixty Pounds due him per Acc^t passed by the Aud. G^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut George Armstrong of the Third Maryland Reg^t Forty eight Pounds per Acc^t passed by the And. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert John Smith, Four hundred and Twenty seven Pounds, ten shillings per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Solomon Sparrow seven hundred and seventy nine Pounds, ten shillings per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

John Meara a Native of Ireland who hath lately that is to say within three Months now last past come into this State appeared before the Governor & Council and before them did take repeat & Subscribe the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State.

C. C. [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 5th Feby 1779

Gen^t

The 25th Ian^y Mr Randall writes us "By Order of our Delegates I deposited 4281 Dollars (of the two Emissions called in by Congress) in the Hands of Mr Blair McClenagan in Philadelphia; it is to remain in his Hands, 'til your Order what is to be done with it; they gave an Order for my receiving from Mr Hillegas the like Sum of other Money." Mr Henry writes that you directed Mr Randall to send the Dollars as exchanged to the Governor; we could wish to have the Money paid in to Congress in Part of our Quota, if that cannot easily be done we shall be obliged to you to send it to us by some good Opportunity and we shall apply it that Way. We inclose you a Copy of the Resolution of the Assembly in Favor of our Officers; the Money as well as the State Bounty for our nine Months Men who reinlist to the Amount of 28000 £ was sent the 4th Ian^ry to Major Howard who was down with a Party, for him to carry to Genl Smallwood; we thought it necessary that a sure Conveyance of so large a Sum should be had, but, to our Mortification we learnt afterwards that Major Howard staid much longer than we expected, however we hope it is at Camp before this Time, it would be well to write to Genl Smallwood and let him know what Advances you have made as he may stop and send you the Money. We are sorry that we are not informed of the deficient Quantity of Flour wanted, the Commissary does not want 30000 Barrels now and the very Idea of great Wants will

always make great Prices, we suppose a good Deal of Wheat and Flour is now on Hand and to be deducted from the 30000 Barrels; we wish you could obtain something more particular on this Subject for if a Third or one Half the Quantity only should be wanted, other Measures may be adequate than for the whole Quantity. The two Houses adjourned to different Days, the Senate to the 26th of April and the House of Delegates to the first Monday in August, no Time has yet been appointed by the Government C. C.

We are &ca

The Delegates in Congress
from Maryland.

Saturday 6th February 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wilmott junr Eighty Nine Pounds twelve shillings & six Pence for riding Express to Phila per Accts passed by the Depy Audt

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Jacob Brice of the Third Maryland Regimt One hundred & fifty Pounds due him by Resolve of the G. Assy

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Peter Clark of the same Regimt One hundred & fifty Pounds due him by Resolve of the G. Assy

Monday 8 February 1779

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Dashiell One thousand one hundred and sixty four Pounds, four shillings & nine Pence per pay list and also the further sum of Forty one Pounds, thirteen shillings & six Pence per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Comr Thomas Grason ninty Pounds the Bounty paid by him to the following Seamen, Richard Savoy, John Williams, John Gomas, Richard Forster, Daniel McCarr, James Montgomery forty Dollars each

That the said Treasurer pay to Commodore Grason four hundred Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Plank for the Use of the Marine of this State to be Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esqr One thousand five hundred Pounds on Account.

Tuesday 9 February 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard

C. B. Murrow One hundred and sixty five Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence Am^{t} of Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

The Governor & Council have not been able from the Difficulty of getting Men in the Marine Service to make the Gallies answer their wishes or Public Expectation; the Reason is obvious enough to Men of Business in the Mercantile Way. The situation of the Trade under every exertion necessary and the Governor and Council are willing to use every Power they have towards Protecting it. From the whole of the Conversation with Mr Smith, Mr Purviance, M^{r} McClure and Capt. Nicholson the Governor and Council entertain an Opinion that the most effective Force that can be soon put in Motion will be two Gallies with a Tender and perhaps an armed Vessel of 10 or 12 Guns. The Governor and Council cannot fit out the two Gallies and Tender without 50 Hands (about half of them Sailors) 60 would better the Service by all the Difference. If the 50 hands can be furnished, for three Months by the Gentlemen in Baltimore on Private Expense the Gallies & Tender will be soon ready and shall Cruse just within the Cape with Liberty of turning out a little way occasionally. The Governor & Council are persuaded a fine going Sloop or Brig of 10 or 12 Guns in Company with the Gallies would greatly contribute to the Success of the Scheme and to promote as far as they can the fitting out such a Vessel, they are willing to furnish Flesh Provision for her for three Months at the Cost of it to be paid for unless as they hope the General Assembly should agree to make a present of it. It is to be understood that the fitting out a Sloop or Brig though very much wished is not designed as a Condition to sending out the Gallies

Wednesday 10 February 1779

Present as on yesderday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Gordon Ninty six Pounds, fifteen shillings & ten Pence am^{t} of Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud.

C. C. [Council to Lieutenants.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Feby 1779

Sir. Circular.

Desirous of giving the General Assembly the most accurate and satisfactory Account on the Points of the inclosed Resolution, we request you will send us, as soon as you can, an exact List of all Military Stores in your County belonging to the

Public, distinguishing the Kinds of Arms, what are effective and what are otherwise and in whose Hands each Particular is in; also mention the Sort of Powder and whether good or otherwise: in Instances where you cannot be so minute as desired, you'll please to transmit us the best Account you can C. C.

We are &ca

To each of the Lieuts of Counties of the Eastern Shore and those of the Western except Baltimore & Ann Arundel

[Council to Collectors.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Febry 1779.

Sir. Circular.

To enable us to give Satisfaction on the inclosed Resolution, we request you'll inform us whether any of the Cloathing belonging to the Public [is] yet remaining in your Hands or the Hands of any of your Assistants; if there does, please to send us an Account of it and forward such Cloathing as soon as you can to Annapolis

We are &ca

To each of the Collectors of Cloathing except for Baltimore County.

Thursday 11 February 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday. James Hindman Esqr Attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Rogers Esqr Four hundred & fifty Pounds due to him for his Salary as Chancellor from the 20th Day of March 1778 to the 26th Octr 1778

That the said Treasurer pay to John Davidson One hundred and sixty six Pounds, ten shillings due to Archibald Buchanan for Camphor Purchased of him & received into the State Shop by Doct. John Johnson.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chever, Thirty three Pounds, fifteen shillings due him for retd Rations per Acct passed by the Depy Audr

Friday 12 February 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut William Iudah Eight hundred and eighty eight Pounds for the use of and to be delivered over to Maj. Nat. Smith and also the further sum of One thousand three hundred & thirty

C. B. seven Pounds, seventeen shillings & four Pence due himself per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud G^{l}

Commissions of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to John Hanson Comm^{r} of the Schooner James 50 Tons burthen, mounting 2 Carriage Guns, 6 Howitze & 5 small Arms, belonging to David Steward & others of Baltimore

Whereas the Brewhouse of James Sterett, a Warehouse of Hugh Young and a Kitchen all in Baltimore Town have lately at Different times been burnt down and there is great Reason to Suspect that the said Houses were maliciously Set on Fire, and lately the Stable of James Leiston and the Stable of Jacob Mires in Baltimore Town have been attempted to be Burnt by putting fire therein which was happily discovered Time enough to prevent the Effect most wickedly intended. I therefore with the advice of the Council promise a Pardon to any Person concerned in the burning or Setting Fire to all or any of the said Houses who shall first make Discovery to a Magistrate of his or her accomplices in the said Crime

Charles Jones, Samuel W. Magruder and Richard Thompson Justices of the Peace for Montgomery County certify under their hands and Seals "That Thomas Richardson Assistant "Commissary of Purchases for the Continental Army hath this "Day reported to us that the Quantity of Wheat which was "lately seized by him in George Town as the Property of a "certain John Hall of Baltimore County (which seizure has been "approved of by us) has been ascertained and said Wheat "received by him, and that the whole Quantity thereof is two "hundred and forty eight Bushells."

C. C. [Council to Nathl. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 12th Feb^{ry} 1779

Sir.

The Copy of the Inlistment you inclosed us will not answer our Design, we want, if necessary, to lay before the Assembly, the Inlistments of the Men now in the Matross Company at Baltimore, we therefore request you will send us the Original Inlistments by the first safe Hand. Sergeant Cornwell's Confinement was for your Safety as well as to prevent such attrocious Behaviour from others and it was, if we remember right, under an Idea that the State Regulations had not provided for the Case; the Continental Regulations, if introduced since the Commission of the Offence, cannot govern in the Measure of Punishment yet if you think the Sergeant may with Safety to yourself and without any bad Effects from the Example, be set at Liberty, we have no Objection, perhaps

you may exchange him with some of the Officers, so as to obtain those Ends and if you can you are at Liberty to do so. We think it will be your best way to pay Murphy's Fees and take him back, deducting out of his Pay as it becomes due and if there should be any Loss that the Public ought to bear it. You had best get the blue Cloth as soon as may be, it will probably not be cheaper than £7..10..0 We see that the Soldiers are fed with Beef at 3/9 ℔ lb We have a good Deal of Pork at Edward Dorsey's Mr Judah was desired in July or August and several Times since to get it down and issue it, at least in Part; do urge it down, the Pork will otherwise be, if not already, entirely lost. C. C.

We are &ca

Major Nat. Smith.

Saturday 13th February 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Crissall seven hundred and twenty seven Pounds, twelve shillings and Eight Pence Balance due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Thompson Sixty five Pounds five shillings due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

By his Excellency Thomas Johnson Esqr Governor of Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas the House of Senate stands Adjourned to the twenty sixth Day of April and the House of Delegates stands Adjourned to the first Monday in August next I have with the advice of the Council appointed Tuesday the second Day of March next for the meeting & holding of the General Assembly of this State of which the several Sheriffs within this State are hereby enjoined to give Public and due Notice.

Given at Annapolis this Thirteenth Day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy nine

Th Johnson

By his Excellency's Command
T Johnson Junr Secry

God save the State

C. C.
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[Council to Members of Assembly.]

In Council Annapolis 13th Febry 1779

Sir. Circular

The pressing Demands of the Army for Flour have forced us to call the Assembly to meet the second Day of March. The Occasion would not allow us to consult our own Inclinations or the Convenience of the Gentlemen, to all of whom we write, in Hopes that a General Attendance at the Day will prevent an irksome Attendance to the few who, otherwise may be delayed for Want of a sufficient Number of Members

We are Sir &ca

Members of the
Genl Assembly

C. B.

Monday 15th February 1779

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Hindman Esq One hundred and twenty four Pounds six shillings and one penny half penny for the use of Joseph Bruff Purchaser of Cloathing for Talbot County per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Andrew Hynes of the 6th Regt One hundred and fifty Pounds due him by Resolve of the Genl Assemy.

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Hugh Lyle Commander of the Schooner Speedwell, mounting 2 Carriage Guns, 6 Swivels and 6 small Arms, belonging to Blair McClannagan of Philadelphia

C. C.

[Council to Grason.]

In Council Annapolis 15th Febry 1779

Sir.

You'll send the Conqueror Galley to Baltimore Town and leave her in the Care of Capt Nicholson who will have her thrown down and put in Order; let an Inventory be taken of what is in her; the Captain and the Men may return again in the Plater. If, as perhaps may be the Case, Capt Nicholson should have no careful Hands to take immediate Charge of the Galley and Stores, an Officer and two Men may be left with her.

We are &ca

Commodore Grason

[Council to Nicholson.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 15th Febry 1779

Sir.

We send up the Conqueror Galley and as we do not know who may be recommended to go in her, we request you'll take the Trouble to have her put in Order. The Dolphin is gone for her Masts, she is expected to return to Day, and we hope to have her ready in Time. The Commodore wants a Sail or two made for the Chester, be so obliging as to have them done. If you want a Hand or two to take Care of the Galley and her Stores, we have directed that an Officer and two Hands should be left for that Purpose

Capt James Nicholson We are &ca

Tuesday 16th February 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Attended

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to James Gould Commander of the Sloop Swift mounting 6 Carriage Guns, 4 Swivels and 6 Small Arms 40 Tons burthen, belonging to John McLure and John Sterett of Baltimore

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Cox two hundred and thirty eight Pounds, ten shillings due him for making Soldiers Cloaths ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bruce Eleven Pounds, thirteen shillings and nine Pence Amt of Acct passed by the Depty Aud.

[Council to Frederick Justices.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 16th Febry 1779

Gent

We inclose you a Letter received this Morning, by the Governor in Favor of Park Angel Morningstar, against whom a Verdict has passed on an Indictment for Hogstealing. The Reason intimated why two Gent only joined in the Representation is, that those were the only Magistrates then in Town who sat on the trial. We exercise no Act of Government with so much Pleasure as extending Mercy, where the Circumstances of the Case warrant it and should have been inclined now to have issued a Pardon but that, with your Concurrence, the rest of the Magistrates who were present at the Tryal may, if they think proper, join in a Representation of Morningstar's Case; wherefore we wish that the Proceeding against Morningstar may stand in its present State, or, at least, that

C. C. no Punishment be inflicted until the Matter can be laid before the Governor by all the Magistrates who sat on the Tryal and Mercy exercised, if it shall appear proper.

To the Justices of Frederick County } We are &ca

C. B. Wednesday 17 February 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Freeland Five Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Littell sixty four Pounds seventeen shillings & six Pence per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Will. Campbell 138 pr stockings 138 pr Shoes, 138 Shirts & 69 Hatts due his Compy of Matrosses

C. C. [Council to Nathl. Smith.]

p. 220 In Council Annapolis 17th Febry 1779

Sir.

We request that you'll furnish the Galley Conqueror with any Number that may be thought necessary of the Matross Company in Baltimore not exceeding a Lieutenant, a Sergeant, a Corporal and sixteen Privates. We expect this service will be agreeable to the Officers and Men.

We are &ca

Major Nat. Smith

[Council to Purviance.]

In Council Annapolis 17th Feby 1779

Sir.

We hoped to have got the Conqueror off, on Monday, she went off, however yesterday Morning and expect she got up last night; we expect the Chester will be ready before the Conqueror can get down. We have recommended the Conqueror to Capt Nicholson's Care, as also the Dolphin to have her Masts fitted. It is very agreeable to us that Capt. Nicholson should command the Conqueror, the Moderation he has shewed is highly praiseworthy in him and pleasing to us; we had no Idea of either of our Captains commanding Capt Nicholson. the Commodore goes in the Chester and from his Disposition we expect the greatest Harmony: we have no Objection

to putting in three Lieutenants for this Service. We shall most chearfully recommend any Application for giving the whole of the Prizes to the Captors, nor doubt the Success of it, so that we do not esteem it of any very great Consequence, what they would be entitled to under the subsisting Regulations, though we believe it is the same as in the Continental Service. Bread, Flour, Meat, Ammunition and Musquets shall be all ready here to be put on Board instantly; we are preparing for the Chester and the like Provision will be made for the Conqueror. We shall be greatly at a Loss for a Surgeon unless one can be got from Baltimore, it is desirable that one good one should go, and a Mate; we have only one belonging to our Marine and we expect nothing further of him than to act as a Mate. C. C.

Inclosed you have a Line to Maj^r Smith to furnish what of the Matrosses may be wanting a Lieutenant Sergeant, Corporal and not exceeding sixteen Privates

We are &^ca

Saml Purviance Junr

Thursday 18 February 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut. Gale Sixty Pounds ten shillings for the use of Sundry of the Matrosses due them for cutting Wood ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

[Council to N. Smith and others.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 18th Feb^ry 1779

Sir.

Inclosed you have a Copy of a Resolution of the General Assembly: to enable us to comply with it, we shall be obliged to you to transmit to us an exact Account of all public stores under your Care, and if you know of any others in your County except those in the Hands of (*Maj^r Smith* or *Mr Keeports*, as the case may be) we request you will inform us thereof by a Line.

We are &^ca

Maj^r Nat. Smith, Capt Keeports & to Officers having the Care of Public Stores

Like Letters to Commodore Grason, Capt Campbell, Mr Jno Muir & Capt Maybury.

C. B. Friday 19th February 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Josiah Tannehill Adjutant of the four Rifle Companies in the Continental Service One Hundred and Fifty Pounds due him by Resolve of the General Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Commodore Thomas Grason Three hundred and forty four Pounds, One shilling & ten Pence due the Officers & men of the Baltimore Galley and also the further sum of Four hundred and ninty four Pounds Sixteen Shillings & nine Pence due the Officers and Men of the Independence Galley per Pay roll Examined and passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Gale 20 Blankets due Capt. Campbell's Compy of Matrosses also 2 Shirts & Stuff suffi for a pair of Trousers and Jacket for himself

Whereas it Appears to this Board by the Oath of a Credible Witness that Thomas Usher hath lately been in New York a City in the Possession of the Enemy contrary to the Act of Assembly in such Case made and Provided.

You are therefore hereby required to arrest the said Thomas Usher and him bring before this Board or before some Judge or Justice that he may be dealt with for the said Offence according to Law and for your so doing this shall be your Sufficient Warrant and Authority.

To the Sheriff of Baltimore County

Saturday 20th February 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Ridge & Ratalara Seventy five Pounds, two shillings & nine Pence and also the further Sum of Thirteen Pounds ten Shillings per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Peter Clarke Fifty two Pounds ten Shillings the Allowance &ca for enlisting 7 Men per Acct passed by Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. William Judah seventy five Pounds sixteen shillings and Eleven Pence for the use of Saml Sadler ꝑ Acct passed by the Deputy Auditor

C. C. p. 221 [Council to Maxwell.]

In Council Annapolis 20th Febry 1779

Sir.

Mr Thomas Langton, the Bearer of this, has private Concerns to settle with his Brother who is now in New York.

Mr Langton is so strongly recommended to us as a Person well attached to America that we are very desirous he should have an Opportunity of transacting his Business which has been inclosed to us and appears to be of Consequence to him; we therefore request the Favor of you to permit and facilitate a Meeting of those Gentlemen at some convenient Place for doing their Business on the Lines C. C.

We are &^ca

Genl Maxwell or the Commanding Officer at Elizabeth Town

Monday 22^d February 1779. C. B.

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Williams Eighty five Pounds for one years Rent of the Hospital p Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud^r

That the said Treasurer pay to Job Todd seventeen Pounds, eight shillings & nine Pence for the use of Maj. Fallen and the further Sum of nine Pounds eight shillings and ten Pence for the use of Henry Lake and his Comp^y per Acc^ts passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Col^o William Richardson One thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Provisions & Accounted for.

[Council to Richardson.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 22^d Feb^ry 1779

Sir.

Richard Murrow carries you 90 Bushels of Salt; we are told it is exceeding good and expect is just such as you wish. If you have any Pork packed away, it will save some Trouble to send it by this Boat on her Return write us at what Time we may send for a Boat Load. We do not consider ourselves at Liberty to change the Bills which have been received of the Emissions called in; if it was to the Extent of a few thousand Pounds only, it would not be a Matter of any great Consequence to the Public, but if we should take back all of those Emissions that have been paid away, it is very likely our Treasury would be so far impoverished as not to be able to supply Money for the current Expences. The Inconvenience to the Holders will at all Events only be to lay out of the Use of their Money 'til some Time in the Summer they may now

C. C. lend it to the Continent on Interest and probably the Assembly will make it so far further useful as that it may be advanced for Taxes.

We are &ca

P. S. We inclose you an Order for 1000 £ which we see will be wanted; it must be paid in other Money than the Emissions called in; we do not find such a Proportion of Counterfeits as was expected.

Colo Wm Richardson

[Council to Dickinson.]

In Council Annapolis 22d Febry 1779

Sir.

Your Treasurer's Bond appears to us to be right, we approve of the Securities. Where the Sheriffs have received the Emissions of May 1777 and April 1778, we think you ought to receive the same Money of them but that they ought not to charge other Money for those Emissions and then pay in those Bills which are designed to be taken out of Circulation and in Order to evince the Fact, we think those who offer to pay in the Bills of May 1777 and April 1778 ought to lodge with you an Affidavit of their having received them for Taxes. We cannot give you any positive Directions as to not suing the Collectors Bonds; if there was a Certainty of the Money's being paid, the Indulgence might probably be approved by the Assembly and under the present Circumstances, which we expect will induce them to allow the People to pay in those Emissions for Taxes, it is likely they will not find Fault with your Forbearance. As the Assembly is to meet the 2d of March and this Matter will be immediately before them, we hope you will be timely acquainted with the Result.

We are &ca

Henry Dickinson Esqr
Treasurer of the Eastern Shore

C. B. Tuesday 23d February 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Noble Stockett Three Pounds, four Shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Testill, One hundred and eight Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Eight Pence to be delivered over to Capt. Van Swearingen and his Compy due them ꝑ Accts passed by the Depy Audr

That William Goldsmith deliver to Commodore Thomas Grason three Sides Leather C. B.

Commission issued to John Paca, John Love, Samuel Burkitt, Thomas Johnson, and Ignatius Wheeler Senr appointed Judges of the Court of Appeals in Harford County in the room of John Matthews, James Osburn, Samuel Webb, John Love & Thomas Bond son of Thomas who never Acted

John Leach Knight of Cecil County is discharged from his Assessment, laid under any Acts of Assembly passed antecedent to the last Sessions

[Council to Mullikin.] C. C. p. 222

In Council Annapolis 23^d Feb^ry 1779

Sir.

The Original of which the inclosed is a Copy, was delivered into the Hands of the Governor this Morning and by him laid before the Council. Esteeming it our indispensible Duty to attend to the Complaint and as we can be best enabled to do Justice to the Public and to your Character, by hearing your Accusers and you Face to Face, we have appointed Wednesday the 10th of next Month for that Purpose, presuming it a convenient Time for all Parties, if it should be otherwise we shall, on knowing it, readily appoint another Day.

James Mullikin
Prince Geo County } We are &^ca

[Council to J. Drane and others.]

In Council Annapolis 23^d Feb^ry 1779

Gen^t

We have appointed Wednesday the 10th of next Month for hearing your Allegations against Mr Mullikin which we have notified to him by Letter and have further informed him as we do you that if that Time should not be convenient to all Parties we shall, on knowing it, readily appoint another Day.

Messrs James Drane, Marsh Mareen Duvall
Benj^a Belt, Joseph Duvall and James Drane
Junr Prince Geo. County } We are &^ca

Wednesday 24 February 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Forty five Pounds, seven shillings and and six

C. B. Pence for the Use of Benjamin Ogle Esqr per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the said Treasurer pay to Gittings Gover Six Pounds, due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Delozier the Amount of Sixteen Pounds, five Shillings & six Pence in Cloathing being the Balance due him per Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the said Commissary deliver to Leonard Martin the Am^{t} of Thirteen Pounds, Eighteen shillings & Nine Pence in Cloathing & one Blanket, to Michael Devener the Am^{t} of Eleven Pounds, Fifteen shillings and six Pence in Cloathing. Archibald Ford, Ten pounds fourteen shillings & six Pence in Cloathing and one Blanket, James Hunt, Twelve Pounds, fifteen shillings & six Pence & six Pounds for the value of a Blanket in Cloathing, Henry Edelin, Fifteen Pounds and three pence in Cloathing, George Winbury, Twenty Pounds, three shillings and six Pence in Cloathing & one Blanket, Francis Hickey Twenty two pounds and one Blanket, George Edelin, seventeen Pounds, thirteen shillings & six Pence in Cloathing, Joseph May Thirteen Pounds, three shillings and six Pence in Cloathing & one Blanket, Matthew Smith, Ninteen Pounds three shillings and six Pence in Cloathing, Thomas Ward Eighteen Pounds Eight Shillings & nine pence in Cloathing and Elisha Loveless, sixteen Pounds two shillings in Cloathing and one Blanket due them per Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

Thursday 25 February 1779

Present as on yesterday

Commission issued to Adam Muir appointed Naval Officer of the sixth District in the room of Zach^{a} Campbell Deceased

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col^{o} James Tootell Two hundred and Twenty six Pounds, Nine shillings & three pence due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Major Joseph Merekin seven Pounds and Eight Pence due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

C. C. [Council to A. Muir.]

In Council Annapolis 25th Feby 1779

Sir.

By a Letter received from Mr Banning it seems your and

his Commissions are both for the Seventh District; if so there's a Mistake in yours; it should have been for the sixth as you'll see by the inclosed Copy of a Resolution of the Assembly. We send you a proper Commission to rectify the Mistake if it has really happened, which will give you the Trouble of another Qualification, which we are sorry for. C. C.

We are &ca

Adam Muir Esqr

[Council to J. Banning.]

In Council Annapolis 25th Febry 1779

Sir.

We do not know of any Method of punishing the Parties concerned in sending out Flour in the Lady Washington but on a Prosecution agreeable to the late Act Chap. 3d of the last Session and we much wish that the Matter may be enquired into in due Course; the Vessel had no Letter of Marque from hence as we can find. The Nature and Powers of your Office are in a very loose Way; we do not apprehend that the old Regulations, chiefly made by Acts of Parliament, now subsist; it is absolutely necessary that the Duty and Power of Naval Officer should be precisely and clearly pointed out by an Act of Assembly and we hope and expect it will soon be done. Inclosed you have the Resolution of the Assembly, which erected and describes the Districts; your Commission is right and we have returned it; the Minute we have of Mr Muir's is of the 6th and right also but, as it may have been filled up wrong, we shall send him another.

We are &ca

Jeremiah Banning Esqr

Friday 26 February 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Barr Fifteen Pounds for the use of Adam Remsberg and the further Sum of Three Pounds, two shillings and six Pence for the use of Balser Bauman p Accts passed by the Dep. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith, Fourteen Pounds Eleven shillings & Eight Pence for 1 Mo Atta as Messenger due the 23d Inst

Saturday 27 February 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas

C. B. Beatty One hundred and Fifty Pounds for the use of Col° Lodowick Weltner of the German Battalion due him by a Resolve of the Genl Assem^y.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Richard Davis Fifty eight Pounds and Eight Pence due him p Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty Esqr the follow^g Sums for the Use of the Persons to whose names the sums are annexed James Smith Two Pounds thirteen shillings & nine Pence, John Linch four Pounds ten shillings William Beckwith Head seven Pounds ten shillings Christ° Neislinger, Three Pounds ten shillings, Richard Haff & his Comp^y One hundred and six Pounds. Richard Richards Three Pounds, Edward Richards Three Pounds, Capt Jacob Good & his Comp^y Forty one Pounds, twelve shillings & six pence, Capt. John Richardson & his Comp^y Ninty two Pounds, fifteen shillings, Capt Abraham Lemaster & his Comp^y Forty two Pounds, Capt Willm Beckwith Head & his Comp^y forty Eight Pounds, eleven shillings & Eight Pence, Capt. Thomas Beatty & his Comp^y Fifty one Pounds, one shilling & six pence due them p Acc^ts passed by the Dep^y Aud^r

James Calhoun, William Spear & George Lindenberger Justices of the Peace for Baltimore County certify under their Hands & Seals that 9 Barrels of flour in the Hands of John Poe, 433 the property of Ralph Smith of Boston & 630 the property of Mr Durant of Boston was adjudged to be seizable under an Act of Assembly of this State and was by our Order delivered to Robert Buchanan Esqr Assistant Commissary.

Monday 1st March 1779

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee & Danl Carroll Esq^rs

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen, seven hundred and Eighty nine Pounds, three shillings and nine pence due him per Acc^t passed by A. G^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Lloyd Esquire, Four thousand, four hundred and five Pounds, three shillings & two pence on Account

Commissions issued to Bartholomew Ennalls appointed Captain of a Comp^y in the room of John Lecompt, Handley Hanly 1st Lieut, Anthony Manning second Lieut. James Hodson Ensign to William Ennalls Hicks, second Lieut of Capt. Smoots Comp^y and Willis Newton appointed Ensign of Capt Daffins Comp^y belonging to the Upper Battalion of Militia in Dorchester County

[Council to R. Whitacre and others.] C. C. p. 223

In Council Annapolis 1st March 1779.

Sir.

James Drane, Marsh Mareen Duvall, Benjamin Belt, Joseph Duvall and James Drane Junr having exhibited a Charge against James Mullikin, this Board hath appointed Wednesday the tenth Day of this Instant for hearing all Parties thereon. You are mentioned by James Drane as a Witness to prove the Charge and your Attendance is desired by him for that Purpose wherefore we request your Attendance accordingly on that Day.

We are Sir &ca

Robert Whitacre, Saml Tyler
Howard Duvall, & Thos Duckett
Prince Geo. County

[Washington to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Head Quarters Middlebrook
1st March 1779

Dr Sir

Sir Henry Clinton in order to supply the British prisoners at Fort Frederick and Winchester with necessaries and money has twice requested a passport for a vessel to go with the same to the port of Baltimore. As it is necessary the prisoners should be supplied, I have granted permission to a schooner to proceed to Hampton roads, where the cargo is to be received into some of the Bay craft, and sent to Alexandria or George Town under the conduct and escort of our own people and from thence to it's place of destination. I refused the passport to Baltimore especially as it was twice pressed upon me, as that port did not appear to be the nearest to Fort Frederick and Winchester and as it might be made use of for the purpose of exploring a navigation with which they may be in some measure unacquainted.

I have been thus particular lest under colour of hard weather the vessel should run towards Baltimore.

I have the Honor to be
your Excellency's most obedt Servant
Go Washington

To his Excellency
Governor Johnson.

Tuesday 2d March 1779

C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo Henry Hooper One hundred and six Pounds, Eighteen shillings and nine Pence due him per Account passed by the Depy Audr

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to James Bayle seventy two Pounds Eight shillings & nine Pence due him on Account of the Galley Baltimore per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Mayburry One hundred and ninteen Pounds, eighteen shillings & Nine Pence ꝑ Account pass^{d} by the Dep^{y} Aud. and the further Sum of Fifty Pounds on Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Williams Nine Pounds Eight shillings and three pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Christopher Perott of the 2^{d} Regim^{t} 1 p^{r} Shoes and 1 Shirt.

That the said Commissary Deliver to Henry Hughes one Blanket being the balance due him by Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

Wednesday 3^{d} March 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Simon Ratalack Three hundred and thirteen Pounds, seven shillings and three pence due to Ridge and Ratalack & for their use per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Col^{o} Woolford ¾ yard Cloth

That the said Commissary deliver to George Spalding the Am^{t} of Nine Pounds, Eight shillings & Nine Pence in Cloathing being the Balance due him ꝑ Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the A. Army

Commissions issued to Richard Smith app^{d} Col^{o} William Vearse Lieut Col^{o} & Frederick Sprigg Major of the Upper Battalion of Militia in Montgomery County and also to Archibald Orme Col^{o} Nathaniel Pigman Lieut Col^{o} & Robert Owen Major of the Middle Battalion of Militia in Montgomery County

C. C. [Council to Nicholson.]

In Council 3^{d} March 1779.

Sir.

Very much to our Disappointment, we find there's no Probability of getting a sufficient Quantity of Biscuit for the Gallies baked here; we shall be obliged to you to purchase for us nine thousand weight. The Reason we give you this Trouble is because we do not know who will serve us best nor any Thing of the modern Price. If this should be Time

enough and you can do it without Delay, you will be pleased to take Part into the Conqueror but as the Boats may follow with it Time enough and we have about 3000 here, we would not by any Means have the Galley wait C. C.

We are &ca

Capt Nicholson, in his Absence Mr S. Purviance

Thursday 4 March 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Commo Thomas Grason, Twenty two Pounds, ten shillings the Bounty paid two Marines Richd Hughbanks & Patrick Howard of 30 Dollars each also One hundred and Fifty Pounds the Bounty paid John Proband, Daniel Perry, Stephen Price, Joseph Sagar, John Phillips, David Giles, Lewis Geral, John Francis Wood, Robert Lloyd and John Hellen of 40 Dollars each

That the said Treasurer pay to Commo Thomas Grason, Two hundred and thirty five Pounds seven shillings on Account of the Galley Independence, One hundred & seventy nine Pounds, Fifteen shillings on Acct of the Galley Baltimore, Three hundred & sixty eight Pounds, seventeen shillings & six pence on Account of the Chester Galley, and also the further Sum of Three hundred and Seventy four Pounds on Acct of the Galley Conqueror per Pay rolls examd and passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Johnson Forty nine Pounds ten Shillings ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Audr

Sir

With the advice of the Council I have thought fit that all Proceedings should be stayed against John Clark, William Justice and Edward Alexander on any Presentment against them found in Cecil County Court for a Riot and you are hereby directed to stay any further Prosecution against them or either of them for the Cause aforesaid and as to them the said John Clark, William Justice and Edward Alexander enter a Nolle Prosequi

To the Atty Genl of Maryland or the Prosecuter of the Criminal pleas in Cecil County Courts

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Dean Two hundred and thirteen Pounds, Eighteen shillings & Eight Pence due him and his Compy ꝑ Acct passed by the P. Cl. to the Audr Genl and also the further Sum of One hundred and Fifty Pounds due him as an Officer of the 5th Maryland Regiment per Resolve of the Genl Assembly.

C C. [Council to Nathl. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 4th March 1779

Sir.

We have no Answer to our Letter desiring you to send us the original Inlistmts of the Matrosses at Baltimore who alledge their Inlistment was for one year; we want them and request you'll immediately come down with them. John Forrester, by whom we send this, says that the chief of Capt Furnival's Company and with three of the old Company, making about 18 are inlisted, as he calls it, to go in the Galley and says they have received a Bounty for so doing. We hope Forrester is mistaken, we had no Idea of any greater Number of the Matrosses going than we gave Orders for nor that any Bounty was to be given to them; we would by no Means give into an Example of Special Pay for a Soldier's going on Service.

We wish and expect to see you.

We are &ca

Major Nat. Smith.

C. B. Friday 5th March 1779

Present as on yesterday Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Elliott Thirty eight Pounds sixteen shillings & Eleven Pence due him ꝑ Acct passd by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Middleton six Pounds for the use of James Williams Amt of Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

C. C. [Council to T. Sollars.]

In Council Annapolis 5th March 1779

Sir.

The Honble Congress having on the 29th Day of Febry last recommended to the Governor of this State to permit the Schooner Hannah, Joseph Malcom Master, to load in the said State with Flour and Bar Iron, it having been made appear to Congress that the said Vessel was fitted out by the Board of War of Massachusetts Bay for the Purpose of supplying the Public Magazines in that State. You are therefore hereby directed to permit the said Schooner to be loaded with Flour and Bar Iron according to the said Recommendation, or partly so loaded and it being represented that it is convenient and desirable to lade on board the said Vessel a Quantity of Pig Iron, you are to give Permission to lade that or another Article,

not prohibited by the Laws of this State, on board her and when the said Vessel shall have been loaded and ready to depart, you are to clear her out for Boston, the Port of her Destination indorsing such Clearance hereon C. C.

We are &ac

Thos Sollars Esqr
Naval Officer at
Baltimore

Saturday 6 March 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Zephaniah Turner Esqr One hundred Pounds, due him per Acct passed by the Depy Audr

Commissions issued to John Bruce appd 1st Lieut and John Green 3d Lieut. of the Galley Chester and also to James Nicholson appointed Capt. Thomas Moore first Lieut, John Martin 2d Lieut, & Robert Caulfield 3d Lieut. of the Galley Conqueror, during her intended Cruise

You are hereby directed and impowered to take the Command of the Chester Galley during her intended Cruise as Captain of her in the same Manner and as fully as if you had been appointed by your Commission Captain of the said Galley.

To Capt. John Gordon

[Council to R. Whitacre and others.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 6th March 1779

Sir.

Marsh Mareen Duvall having represented to us that the tenth Instant is not a convenient Time for hearing the Complaint against James Mullikin we have therefore and on his Affidavit of Material Witnesses being wanted appointed Monday the 29th Instant for a Hearing at which Time we request your Attendance.

We are &ca

Robert Whitacre, Saml Tyler, Howard Duvall & Thos Duckett, Capt. Tobias Belt, Josias Belt & Thos Boyd — Addison, Murdock

N. B. Another Letter, so far as to the Words *for a Hearing*, to which add, at which Time your Attendance is expected.

James Mullikin & the Complainants severally except, M. M. Duvall, by whom all were sent.

C. B. Monday 8th March 1779.

Present as on Saturday except T. S. Lee Esqr Danl Carroll Esqr Attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Bruff seventeen Pounds for the use of William Smyth and the further sum of One Pound two shillings and six Pence for the Use of Thomas Kersey per Accounts passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Belt Twenty three Pounds Ninteen shillings & six Pence p Acct passed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde Sixty two Pounds ten shillings due him for 2 Mo Salary as Assistant Cl. the 5 Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Commo Thomas Grason, Twenty seven Pounds, seven shillings & four Pence for the Use of Daniel Friend pr Account passed by the Aud. Genl

John Woodfield a Private in Capt. Campbell's Comy of Matrosses who obtained a Furlough some time ago, to go into the Country to endeavor to recover his Health and Appearing to be still Sick he is Permitted to return into the Country for 6 Weeks longer.

Tuesday, 9 March 1779

Present as on yesterday, Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Attended

Ordered that the Commissary of Issues deliver to Joseph. Tripp 50l Beef & 50l Bread for the Prisoner lately taken by him

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colo Stone 3½ yards Linen for himself

That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Murdock Beall Three Pounds, fifteen shillings for the use of John Ball per Certa Allowed by the Aud. Genl

Mr Hall and Mr Josias Beall from the House of Delegates inform his Excellency that the House are ready to proceed to Business and also Matthew Tilghman Esqr from the Senate inform his Excellency that the Senate are ready to proceed to Business

The Chester and Conqueror being now manned & equipped with the Dolphin as a Tender fit for a Cruise of about two Months you are to take the Command of the whole Force and with it Proceed for the Protection of the Trade at and about the Capes, We expect that the Virginia armed Vessels are acting or ready to act in the same Service and it is our wish that the whole Force may join and pursue the common Object in Concert. Capt. Nicholson having taken a temporary Commission with a view to give all Assistance in his Power the

Officers under him having engaged from the same laudable Motive and your Inclination and our Judgement having been consulted in offering and manning the Chester we entertain the most sanguine Hopes of perfect Harmony prevailing and that the Force under your Direction will be employed so as to produce all the Effect which can be reasonably expected from it We do not intend to be very particular in our Instructions to you, it might injure the Service you will endeavor to annoy the Enemy all in your Power, you may think proper to run out at times, And to the Southard and Northward of the Capes, act in this as your Judgement and Discretion may lead you If you should make any Captures it is desirable for several Reasons they should be sent into this State Advise us frequently of your Situation To Com° Grason C. B.

Basil Wright a Private in Capt. Campbell's Comp^y of Matroses, being in a very weak state of Health he is permitted to go into the Country for one Month from this Time

[Council to Sheriff of Baltimore.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 9 March 1779

Sir.

Capt Joseph Trippe will deliver into your Custody 5 Prisoners taken by him on his Voyage from Boston to this Bay; you will therefore take the proper Steps to secure them 'til an Opportunity offers to send them to a proper Place of Confinement.

Henry Stevenson Esqr
Sheriff of Baltimore

We are &^ca

[Council to Assembly.]

In Council March 9th 1779

Gen^t of the General Assembly

The Depredations lately committed on our Trade by a Number of small Privateers about and within the Capes has induced a Number of People with the Assistance of a few Matrosses from Baltimore to man the Galley Conqueror, which has been put in fine Order and we have the Chester ready to join her, with Intention they should be employed about the Capes for the Protection of the Trade. We have Expectations that the Virginia Force will act in Concert. It was proposed by the Gentlemen who have subscribed their Money to give the whole Prizes if any should be taken, to the Captors: we had not Power to do so, but as there is no great Expectation of taking any but Privateers and thinking it

C. C. would excite the Vigilance and Activity of the Officers and Men, we promised to mention it to the Assembly and request that the Part of the Prizes which might otherwise belong to the Public, may be distributable amongst them and we wish Gen^{t} that you would give that further Encouragement. We inclose the Instructions intended to be given to Commodore Grason and hope they will meet with your Approbation, but if this Disposition of the Gallies should not be approved, we shall be happy in having your Advice time enough to countermand them T. J.

Genl Assembly

C. B. Wednesday 10th March 1779.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Trueman of the sixth Maryland Regiment in the Cont^{l} Service, One hundred and Fifty Pounds due him per Resolve of the General Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Abraham Faw, One thousand, One hundred and forty two Pounds, Eleven shillings and One Penny due him on Account of Building the Barracks, One hundred and forty five Pounds, seven Shillings and Eight Pence, and also the further sum of Sixteen Pounds, two Shillings and six Pence due him for Purchasing Cloathing per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Wilson, seven Pounds one shilling & six Pence for the Use of Abraham Clark ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud^{r} Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Peter Chaille Four hundred Pounds twelve Shillings due him for Provisions ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crysall One hundred and sixty nine Pounds for Beef purchased of William Yieldall ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by A. G^{l}

By and with the Advice of the Council, Pardon was granted to Timothy Madden convicted of Hyway Robery, on Condition that he enlist to serve & continue in the Continental Service

C. C. [Council to Grason.]

p. 225 In Council 10th March 1779

Sir.

By a Letter received yesterday from his Excellency General Washington we are advised of his having granted Permission to a Schooner to proceed to Hampton Road with Necessaries

and Money for the Use of the British Prisoners at Fort Fred- C. C.
erick and Winchester, The Cargo to be received into some of the Bay Craft and sent to Alexandria or George Town, under the Conduct and Escort of our own People, and from thence to the Places of its Destination. There being some Ground to suspect that the Vessel might be designed for Baltimore for other than the ostensible Purpose: if you should fall in with any such Vessel having a Passport or Permission from General Washington; you are to conduct her to Hampton Road and give immediate Notice to the Government of Virginia, that the Permission may have all and only the Effect intended in the granting of it. Your also sending a Copy of this which is given you in Consequence of the General's Letter, will account for your Conduct.

We are &ca

To Commodore Grason.

Thursday 11 March 1779 C. B

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Ezekiel Forman Esqr Two Pounds, ten shillings for the Use of Doct. John Scott and also the further sum of seven hundred and seven Pounds, fifteen Shillings and Six Pence due himself per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Gale, Four Pounds ten shillings and Eight Pence per Acct passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to his Excellency Thomas Johnson Esqr Eight hundred and thirty three Pounds six shillings and Eight Pence due him for 4 months Salary to the 9th Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Green Twenty nine Pounds Eight Shillings and three Pence and also the further Sum of One hundred and sixty five Pounds, sixteen Shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Christo Birkhead the following Sums for the Use of the Persons to whose names they are annexed John Turner Nine Pounds, Samuel Barrow seven Pounds ten shillings William Berry Nine Pounds, Jonathan Gibson Nine Pounds, Joseph Bunton Nine Pounds, Richard Harwood twelve Shillings and Eight Pence and William Rose, Twelve shillings and Eight Pence due them per Accts passed by the Depy Audr

Mr William Goldsbury from the House of Delegates brings in and Delivers to his Excellency a Resolve of the General Assembly respecting the Gallies.

Commissions issued to John Day appointed Capt, Isaac

C. B. Freeman first Lieut, James Woodland second Lient, and William Wilson Ensign of a Comp^{y} Belonging to the 27th Battalion of Militia in Kent County also to George Hartshorn Capt, James Rollison 1 Lieut, Simon Smyth 2^{d} Lieut & Ioel Willis Ensign, and also to Joseph Wicks 2^{d} Lieut, & Stephen Glenvill Ensign of Capt. Simon Wicks Comp^{y} in the 13th Battalion of Mil^{a} Kent County.

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to James Tate Commander of the Sloop Franklin 70 Tons Burthen, Mon̄ting 10 Carriage Guns, 6 Swivels & 10 Small Arms, belonging to Daniel Bowley & others Balt^{o}

By Virtue of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 10th Instant this Board do hereby order that the whole of the Prize Money arising from any Captures that may be made by the two Gallies belonging to this State called the Conqueror and Chester and their Tender called the Dolphin or either of them in their now designed Expedition or Cruise against the common Enemy be disposed of and distributed among the Captors in the same manner & Proportion as the part of such Prizes which would independent of the said Resolution or this order have belonged to them been distributable and to have been divided.

It being represented to this Board that James Gilchrist of this State who went from hence to London in the Fall of the year 1775 is now in the City of New York and came thither with Intent to return to this State and is desirous of returning into and residing within the same. Therefore Permission is hereby granted to the said James Gilchrist to come into this State and the commanding Officer at any Post on the Lines is requested to give the necessary Pasport for him & his Baggage.

Vide Mr Henry's Lre 9 Inst. Col^{o} Richardson's inclosed therein sent back again to Mr Henry.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Joseph Owens, the amount of Fourteen Pounds five shillings and six pence in Cloathing, Jessee Allen, Fourteen Pounds, five shillings & six pence in Cloathing, Thomas Hudson Fourteen Pounds five shillings & six Pence in Cloathing and Jacob Miller Fourteen Pounds five shillings & six Pence in Cloathing due them as Nine Months men in the first Maryland Regiment Discharged per Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

Friday 12th March 1779

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr Forty one Pounds, two shillings & six pence due

him for sundries Bo^{t} for the Use of the Governor & Council ꝑ C. B.
Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Sim Lee Esqr One hundred and sixty two Pounds for his Attend^{a} in Council 54 Days to this Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Nicholson Five hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Com^{o} Grason Five hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Harn Three hundred & Twenty four Pounds, fourteen shillings and four Pence for the use of and to be delivered over to Margaret Dorsey Administratrix of Samuel Dorsey Deceased per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Saturday 13th March 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Comm^{o} Thomas Grason, Five Pounds, Fifteen shillings and six Pence for the Use of Nathl McLure, Eighteen Pounds, ten shillings and ten Pence for the use of Thos Calvert per Acc^{ts} passed and also the further Sum of One hundred Pounds for himself and to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to William Bond Five Pounds for the Use of James Gervis per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hanson Junr Three hundred and sixty four Pounds, and nine Pence bal^{a} due the Supervisors of the Gun Lock Manufactory per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Gordon Eighty two Pounds six shillings & seven Pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. G^{l}

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Furnival Ninty three Pounds per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Thomas Price One hundred and Fifty Pounds for the use of and due to Benjamin Murdock Lieut. of the first Maryland Regiment by Resolve of the General Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to John Green Twenty Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence due him per Acc^{ts} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Nicholson nine thousand Eight hundred and fifty Pounds, sixteen shillings and Five pence being the balance incurred in Baltimore for

C. B. fitting out the Galley Conqueror Boat Dolphin and partly the Chester Galley ꝑ acc^{ts} passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to James Sullivan Twenty six Pounds, two shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Johnson Twelve Pounds, Fifteen Shillings per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

Recommendation given to Ezekiel Forman of Kent County and also to Daniel Carroll of Baltimore County to the Commanding Officer at the Posts near the British Lines for Leave to have an interview on the Lines with Gentlemen of New York, if the Business cannot be conducted on the Lines Leave is given them to go into the City of New York on their obtaining the Proper Permission according to the Resolution of Congress

Tuesday 16th March 1779

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Ridgely Junr six Pounds for the use of Henry C. Hobbs ꝑ Cert^{a} allowed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to James McComas Nine Pounds for the use of Patrick Finnagan and also the further Sum of Thirty Shillings for the use of William Bradford ꝑ Acc^{ts} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

Wednesday 17 March 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Annis, Ten Pounds ten Shillings due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Key Fifteen Pounds for the Use of Jacob Woolfe ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

C. C. [Council to Assembly.]

Gen^{t} of the General Assembly

The Bounties and Encouragement^{s} offered to Seamen and Marines in the Coarse of the last Session have not had the Effect you expected and I wished; the Officers have engaged a few but, I believe, our Number is not on the Whole at all increased. The Congress having laid aside the Scheme of employing the Baltimore and Independence which indeed we

could not Man and the Price of Workmanship Labour and every Article necessary for finishing and fitting out Vessels having greatly advanced the Council and I thought, as things were circumstanced, it would be a reprehensible Waste of the Public Money to lay out the Sum it would have taken in fitting out the Annapolis and therefore nothing has been done on her in Pursuance of the 15th § of the 10th Act of the last Session, but if it still continues your Desire to have that Galley fitted out, we shall chearfully have it done with all Expedition C. C.

Genl Assembly
17th March 1779

[Council to Assembly.]

Gent. of the Genl Assembly

Mr Thomas Harwood Commissioner of the Continental Loan office in this State has laid before this Board the inclosed Order from the Treasury Office and wishes that a precise Mode of conducting the Business of the State Treasury may be pointed out and he enabled to comply with the Terms and Intention of the above mentioned Order. It appears to us to be the Interest of this State that the Continental Bills, of the Emissions of May 1777 and April 1778 in the State Treasury, should immediately be placed in the Hands of the Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office, and that all the Bills of those Emissions which can be drawn into the Public Treasury Time enough to be delivered in by the first Day of June, should be disposed of in the same Manner; we request you to consider this Subject and, if you think proper, to make a suitable Provision. Considerable Sums of Money were issued out of the Treasury in the Months of December and January, some in Payment of public Debts others to be expended in the Purchase of Provisions for the State and large Sums were sent to Genl Smallwood for the Presents to the Maryland Officers and to pay the State Bounty to the nine Months Men who reinlisted; these Sums were delivered out, partly of the Emissions of May 1777 and April 1778. Genl Smallwood's Letter which was laid before you at the Opening of the Session shews that the Bills sent to him of the Emissions called in, will not answer the designed Purposes and we have had frequent Applications to exchange the Bills of these Emissions issued out of the Treasury for other of the Purposes mentioned above. In some Instances, from the Hardship of the Case of the Holders, we were strongly inclined to have ordered the Exchange, if we could, with Propriety have done so. We request your Direction p. B. 226

C. C. this Matter without which we cannot give a decisive Answer to Gen[l] Smallwood's Letter on the Applications which have been or may be made for an Exchange.

Gen[l] Assembly.

C. B. Thursday 18th March 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Alex[a] Lawson Smith of the Rifle Regim[t] One hundred and Fifty Pounds due him by a Resolve of the General Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Bennett Matthews Thirty Pounds and Eight Pence due him ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Dep[y] Aud[r]

Friday 19th March 1779

Present as on yesterday, Thomas Sim Lee Esq[r] Attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Coe Twelve Pounds, Eighteen shillings & Nine pence ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Dep[y] Aud[r]

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Jones Sixteen Pounds five shillings per Acc[t] passed by the Dep[y] Aud[r]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Richard Jones a 9 months Soldier in the 3[d] Maryland Regiment discharged, the amount of Thirteen Pounds Fifteen shillings and six Pence in Cloathing being the balance due him by Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

Commissions issued to John Deaver appointed Capt in the room of William Gailbreath, Henry McBride 1st Lieut, Joseph Gotro 2[d] Lieutenant Thomas Knot Ens. George Sewall Douglass Capt in the room of William Richardson, William Forepaugh 1st Lieut., Andrew Willson 2[d] Lieut. Charles Carline Ens. John Smith Capt. in the room of Elam Baileys John Lewis first Lieut John Coale 2[d] Lieut, Nathaniel Wilton Ens. Caleb Shields 1st Lieut. of Brittingham Dickinsons Comp[y] John Cannon 2[d] Lieut, Benjamin Hunt Ensign Joseph Miller 2[d] Lieut, of John Merrymans Co. & John Caldwell Ens. belonging to the Baltimore Town Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

Saturday 20 March 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Bailey Five Pounds, seventeen shillings & six Pence for the use of Nicholas Kurtz due him per Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

John Stevenson Lieut of Marines on board the Gally Independence resigns his Commission which is accepted C. B.

Commissions issued to John Brice appointed Capt. Samuel Harvy Howard first Lieut, John Davidson 2d Lieut, John Muir 3d Lieut, of an Independent Compy of Militia in the City of Annapolis also to Gilbert Middleton appointed Captain John Callahan 1 Lieut, William Goldsmith 2d Lieut and Cornelius Mills 3d Lieut. of an Independent Compy of Militia in the City of Annapolis and also to William Maccubbin appointed Capt. Vincent Green 1 Lieut, Job Smith 2d Lieut. Thomas Colegate Ens. of Colo Darby Lux's Batt. of Mila in Baltimore Couuty

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Townsly Twenty three Pounds, fifteen shillings per Acct passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Logan Twenty five Pounds for the Use of William Logan due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genls Depy

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Hughes, Three hundred and sixty three Pounds, sixteen shillings & two pence and the further Sum of One hundred and one Pounds. fifteen shillings for the use of Capt. John Kershner & his Compy of Guards over Prisoners of War at Fort Frederick per Pay roll examined and passed by the Audr Genl

Noli Prosequi issued to Sarah Seward of Dorchester County against any Prosecution for Bastardy.

By and with the advice of the Council Pardon was granted to John Tims of Queen Annes County convicted in the General Court for the Eastern Shore for Treason

Permission is hereby given to Mrs Elizabeth Gordon Wife of Charles Gordon formerly of this State on her obtaining the proper Pass for that Purpose to go into the City of New York & to Return

Bennett Matthews Resigns his Commission of Captain of the Galley Independence which is accepted

John Jackson who enterred into the Service of this State on board the Chester Galley having since his engaging in the Service lost the use of his left Hand He is discharged from the Service

Monday 22d March 1779

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esqr

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Biles a 9 months Soldier in the 5th Maryland Regimt the amount of Twenty three Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing & one Blanket, to Stephen Penn a 9 mo Soldier in the 1st Maryld Regimt the amount of Fourteen Pounds five shillings and six

C. B. pence in Cloathing & one Blanket, Martin Wells of the 2d Regt the Amt of Ninteen Pounds thirteen shillings & six Pence in Cloathing and one Blanket and also to John Penn of the 1st Regimt Discharged the amount of Fourteen Pounds, five shillings & six Pence in Cloathing and one Blanket due to them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Josias Polk Esqr Twelve Pounds for the use of Benjamin Wailes and also the further sum of Four Pounds ten shillings for the Use of George Wailes ꝑ Accts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Maddux Esqr One hundred and fifty seven Pounds, two shillings and six pence to be delivered to Capt. John Jones due him & his Company of Militia ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

C. C. [Council to Dashiell.]

In Council Annapolis 22d March 1779

Sir.

We are informed by Mr Fassit that four British Prisoners of a Vessel lately retaken, are in Worcester probably yet under Guard: it is supposed some of them may in all Likelihood be wanted as Witnesses in the Court of Admiralty: we request you to send them to Baltimore, the least expensive Way you can; perhaps sending over one or two in a Vessel, as Opportunity may offer, would be best, but we leave that to yourself

We are &ca

Joseph Dashiell Esqr

C. B. Tuesday 23d March 1779

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Williams a 9 Months Soldier in the 5th Maryland Regimt Discharged the amount of twenty one Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing and one Blanket due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Clapham Four hundred Pounds allowed him for his Extraordinary Service while he was a Commissioner of the Loan Office ꝑ Resolve of the Genl Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Maw Fifteen Pounds per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette One hundred and eight Pounds due him per Acct passed by the Aud Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Maddux seven C. B.
Pounds, seven shillings for the Use of Lieut. James Elzey & part of a Company stationed as a Guard over Goods at Princess Anne per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Mr Lethrbury from the House of Delegates delivers to his Excellency ar Resolve Discontinuing the fitting out the New Gallies

Permission is hereby granted to John Clapham an Inhabitant of this State to go with his Family consisting of himself his seven Children and a Woman Attendant named Emelia Brown into the City of New York in order to get a Passage from thence to Great Britain on his obtaining a proper Pass for that Purpose for which he is hereby Recommended

Wednesday 24th March 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Johnson Twenty nine Pounds, five shillings due him per Acc^{t} passed by the D. Aud^{r}

Commissions issued to John Dennis, John Selby, Nehemiah Holland, Ebenezer Handy, Thomas Purnell, Sinepux^{t} William Hopewell, James Selby, Joshua Townsend John Purnell Robins, John Postley, Josiah Mitchell, John Panamore, William Handy son of Saml John Pope Mitchell, Isaac Layfield, William Stevenson and Isaac Houston appointed Justices of the Peace for Worcester County and also to John Dennis, John Selby, Nehemiah Holland, John Purnell Robins & Isaac Houston appointed Judges of the Orphan's Court for Worcester County

Thursday 25th March 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Mackall Twenty nine Pounds, Eight Shillings & six pence for the use of Col^{o} William Fitzhugh ꝑ Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud^{t} Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Fourteen Pounds Eleven shilllings & Eight Pence for 1 m^{o} Att^{a} as Messenger to the Governor and Council to the 23^{d} Instant.

Commissions issued to William Winder, Peter Waters, John Stewart, Levin Wilson Gilliss Polk, John Williams, Joseph Venables, John Span Conway, Henry Jackson, Levin Woolford, Josiah Dashiell, Henry Miles, George Waters, William Stevens & William McBird appointed Justices of the

C. B. Peace for Somerset County, and also to Peter Waters, John Stewart, Levin Wilson, John Span Conway, & Levin Woolford Judges of the Orphans Court said Co^{ty}

Friday 26 March 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Baldwin Quart^{r} Mast^{r} to the 3^{d} Regiment One hundred and fifty Pounds due him by a Resolve of the General Assembly, Genl Smallwood having in his Lre. of the 17th Inst. requested the same to be paid him and that he had not received it.

C. C. [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 26th March 1779.

Gen^{t}

We enclose you a Copy of the Act passed by the Assembly to assist in procuring Flour for the Army; you will see by it that we are immediately to appoint one or more in each County to purchase and that if it should appear to us absolutely necessary, and not otherwise, we are to impower the Purchasers to seize Flour &^{ca} the Price is not limited. We shall immediately make the Appointments, but it is highly proper that we should be ascertained of the Necessity of exerting this extraordinary Power which is left in us. We have understood, though not from such Authority as we can depend on, that very lately, there was Flour on Hand Sufficient for 93 Days Expenditure besides a considerable Quantity of Wheat, we fear that this Report may not be true but we have frequently heard that there are considerable Quantities of Wheat collected at the Mills in Harford and Cecil for the Use of the Army and large Quantities of Flour lying at and constantly transporting from the Head of Elk. Pray obtain and transmit us as early as possible, the best Information you can on this Subject, that we may be enabled to exercise the discretionary Powers lodged in our Hands to our own Satisfaction and the Public Expectation. The Stills are stopped, but the internal Demand and that from Massachusetts will, we fear, still raise the Price; the Board of War in Massachusetts, has given a Power to purchase Flour &^{ca} in this State to the Amount of 60000 £ lawful Money. You have also inclosed a Copy of a Resolution concerning the Recruiting Service, occasioned by the Resolution of Congress of the 9th Ins^{t} which came to Hand on Tuesday 8 o'clock at Night; it was late in the Session as well as late in the Year for Business of this Nature. We have no late Returns of our

Troops, nor have we, at any Time, had them so exact as is desirable, but we have Reason to believe our Quota has not been so deficient as that of most of the States. We have never had any Credit for the Men inlisted in our State by Pennsylvania or Delaware, for those of the Flying Camp stopped and inlisted in Philadelphia, there were more than a Regiment of the first and three hundred of the latter at least, for those of Count Pulaski's Legion inlisted in this State, of whom we never had a Return, they were more than 100. Major Lee also inlisted some Men in our State the latter Part of last Winter & in the Spring, we believe upwards of twenty, if none besides Count Pulaski's Recruits are discounted, they ought, according to the Resolu^n of Congress of Quer. too what is become of Col. Heartley's Reg^t a great Part of it was raised in this State. But those Facts we apprehend, when other States are eased of a Part of their Quota, ought to have influenced the easing this State of a Part of the eight Regiments and the Scarcity of Men and the Price of Labour strongly claim it in this State, however the Assembly are very desirous to strengthen the Army as much as they possibly can and our Inclination as well as our Duty concur with them. We inclose you a Resolution of the Assembly which we hope will occasion our Parts of the Rifle and German Battalions to be consolidated in one Reg^t; amongst the Officers of each there are Men of great Merit who have been too much neglected. C. C.

We are &^ca

Delegates in Congress.

[Council to Washington.] p. 228

In Council Annapolis 26th March 1779

Sir.

We have the Honor to inclose you two Resolutions of the General Assembly passed Yesterday before their Adjournment and hope that our Parts of the Rifle and German Battalions may be incorporated without Inconvenience or Difficulty. The Merits and Services of many of the Officers, we have no Doubt will make any Instances of ours to place them in the same advantageous Situation as others, unnecessary. The Resolution of Congress on the Subject of recruiting the Army did not reach us 'til Tuesday Evening: the Assembly are desirous of strengthening the Army all they can and our Opinion coincides with theirs, that the most probable Measure for Success will be the distributing recruiting Parties, under proper Officers, through different Parts of the State; a good many Deserters may, by that Method, be certainly got and

C. C. secured and new Men may be expected to inlist. If the public Stock of Cloathing is such as that the recruiting Parties might have sufficient to dress the Recruits immediately on their inlisting, we doubt not it would have the wished Effect. We hope Sir that the Situation of the Army may permit you to spare recruiting Parties agreeable to the Desire of the Assembly, we shall with great Chearfulness promote the Business all in our Power and, we flatter ourselves, not without Success.

We are Sir with the highest
General Washington Regard &ca

[Council to Smallwood.]

In Council Annapolis 26th March 1779

Sir.

We this Morning received your Letter of the 17th Inst by Mr Baldwin; It was necessary to have the Sense of the Assembly on several Points of yours of the 23d Febry before we could answer it. The Assembly broke up last Night and we are just now furnished with their Proceedings. Lieut Toomy was certainly not intitled to the 400 Dollars nor did we expect that Major Howard would have paid any of the Money away. Mr Baldwin tells us that your Officer returned again with the 10936 Dollars without exchanging them: you'll see by one of the inclosed Resolutions, we are to change them. The Sense of the Assembly is, that the Staff as well as Regimental Officers are to have the 400 Dollars. We have no Account of the Officers in the Rifle or German Regiments. We have paid Mr Baldwin his 400 Dollars. The inclosed Resolutions must evince to our Officers the Attention of the Assembly, their Desire to do them full Iustice; it is difficult, we are afraid, impossible to give entire Satisfaction to every Individual, but when the Assembly demonstrates so fully their Disposition to put every Thing on its just Footing and the Uneasiness of any must proceed from something within himself or the embarrassed Situation of our Affairs, we hope the the Officers will still continue to act. We shall attend to your Recommendation of Mr Baldwin and should be fuller if the Time would permit but we fear this will be full late for the Post. We are &ca

General Smallwood.

C. B. Saturday 27th March 1779

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Simon

Ratalack, three hundred and twenty nine Pounds, two shillings C. B.
and three Pence due to Ridge and Ratalack per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud^{r} Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Robinson of the first Regiment one pair of Shoes

Monday 29 March 1779

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Mason a nine Months Soldier in the 5th Reg^{t} Discharged, the Amo^{t} of Twenty three Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing & 1 Blanket, Henry Crane a 9 M^{o} Sold^{r} in the 7th Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Twenty one Pounds, three shillings & six Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, & Isaac Green a 9 Mo^{o} Sold^{r} in the 3^{d} Reg^{t} Discharged the amount of Eleven Pounds, fifteen shillings & six Pence in Cloathing due them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Philemon Griffith one hundred & thirty six Pounds, seventeen shillings & six pence for the use of Saml Griffith per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud^{t} Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Smoot, sixty two Pounds, nine shillings & four Pence for the use of Joseph Ennalls jun^{r} p Acc^{t} passed by Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esquire, Two hundred and Eighty five Pounds, due him for Att^{a} in Council to this day Inclusive

That the said Treasurer pay to John Belt, Lieut, of the 4th Maryl^{d} Reg^{t} in the Continental Service, One hundred & fifty Pounds due him by a Resolve of the Genl Assembly

Commissions issued to Danl Smith appointed Capt. Christian Smith 1st Lieut, John Money 2^{d} Lieut, Christian Harbaugh Ensign belonging to Col^{o} Baker Johnson's Battalion of Militia in Frederick County

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Exchange for Philemon Griffith Capt. of one of the Rifle Comp^{ys} in the Cont^{l} Service, Three hundred & Eighty three Dollars agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly.

By & with the advice of the Council, Death Warrant issued to Negro Cato Slave of Charles Ridgley of Ann Arundel County for a Rape

Tuesday 30th March 1779

P^{r} as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Edward

C. B. Poney a 9 months Soldier in the 5 Maryl^{d} Regiment, Discharged the am^{t} of Twenty three pounds ten shillings in Cloathing & 1 Blanket, Daniel Bulger a 9 M^{o} Sold^{r} in the 7th Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Twenty one Pounds in Cloathing & 1 Blanket, William Warren a 9 M^{o} Soldier in the 3^{d} Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Eighteen Pounds, three shillings & six pence in Cloathing & 1 Blanket due them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Lucket Serjeant in the 1st Maryld. Reg^{t} Fifty seven Pounds for Bounty & allowance for enlisting two Recruits per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Robertson Stevens Ninteen Pounds for the Use of Capt. Staplefort, six Pounds, ten shillings and Ninty seven Pounds seventeen shillings & six pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud

Sir, Please to Deliver to Thomas Dorsey Esqr the Iron remaining on Hand which belonged to the Boom or Chain at the Fort, we having sold it to him for four hundred & fifty Pounds ꝑ Ton, you'll be so obliging as to have it carefully weighed & take a Receipt for the Quantity Delivered To Major Nathaniel Smith

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Alexander Cain, Commander of the Sloop Fly, Burthen Tons, mounting 10 Carriage Guns 10 Swivels & 22 Muskets belonging to William Patterson & Co of Baltimore also to John Frazier Commander of the Sloop Dispatch 40 Tons burthen, mounting 110 Guns belonging to John Johnson Joseph Dowson & Co of Annapolis

Commissions issued to the following Persons appointed Agents to Purchase Provisions under the Act entitled An Act to continue the Act of Assembly for enlarging the Powers of the Governor & Council and for other Purposes therein mentioned passed March Session 1779 Viz.

Worcester, William Stevenson. Calvert, William Chew
Talbot, Richard Johns. Somerset, William McBride
Caroline, Henry Downes. Dorchester, James Sullivan
St Mary's, John Eden. Charles John McPherson jun^{r}
Kent, Isaac Perkins, & William Henry
Cecil, Saml Gilpin, John Ward Veazey & Jeremiah Baker
Washington, Henry Shryock & Henry Ackheart
Harford, Richard Dallam & Benjamin Scott of James
Montgomery, Thomas Richardson & Richard Brooke
Queen Annes, William Hemsley & John Thompson
Prince Georges, John Smith Brooke & Thomas Clagett

Ann Arundel, Joseph Merekin, James Howard & William Brogden C. B.

Frederick, Geo. Murdock, Normand Bruce & Towmley Bruce

Baltimore, Robert Buchanan & James Govane

Commissions issued to Charles Fox app^{d} Capt, Jon^{a} Ellicot, 2^{d} Lieut, Saml Godfrey Ens. Bazel Burgess Capt. Brice Gassaway 1st Lieut, John Ray 2^{d} Lieut & Nich^{s} Aldridge Ens. Vachel Stevens Capt. John Shipley 1 Lt Nathan Barnes 2^{d} Lieut, Joshua Burgess Ens. Charles White Capt, Thomas Cole 1 Lieut Robert Warfield Capt. Ephraim Warfield 1st Lt Aaron Spurior 2^{d} Lieut, Nich^{s} Hobbs Ens. Nich^{s} Ridgely Warfield Capt. Bazil Israel 1 Lieut, John Green 2^{d} L^{t} & Mich^{l} Burgess Ens. of the Elk ridge Batt. of Militia in Ann Arundel County

Wednesday 31 March 1779. P^{r} as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Cap Thos Beall, One Hundred & fifty Pounds for the use of & due to Lt Danl Cresap of the Rifle Batt. ꝑ Reso^{l} of Genl Ass^{y}

Permission is hereby granted to Andrew Ragg an Inhabitant of this State to go with his Daughter into the City of New York in order to get a Passage from thence to G^{r} Britain on his obtain^{g} a proper Pass for that purpose for which he is hereby recommended.

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[Council to Grason.] C. C.

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Sir.

We are informed by a Letter received to Day from Col^{o} Hooper, that Meister and others of his Stamp have committed a Robbery on Mr Arthur Whitely at his Plantation at Hooper's Streights; the Villains are supposed to have gone with their Plunder to Smith's Island. Col^{o} Hooper proposes to send a Party of Militia after them; possibly he may want your Assistance to second the Operations of the Militia; if he should make such a Réquest, we wish you to give your Aid. Meister and his Gang are of the Sett who harbour in Armimessex and have plundered several Vessels as well as committed other Outrages

We are &^{ca}

Commodore Grason

C. C.

[Council to Dickinson.]

In Council Annapolis 30th March 1779

Sir.

Mr Stevens, Sheriff of Dorchester County shewed us to Day, your Notice to him to pay up the Balance due on his Account, he says that he has not exchanged any of the Money received in his Office, though it is impossible for him to identify an Oath, the Bills he has received for the public Assessment. This Matter appears to us within the Equity of the Provisions of the last Session of Assembly and we think, you may, with Safety and Propriety, receive from Mr Stevens the Balance in the Continental Treasury Rect which he says he has obtained, or depositing the Money there to be exchanged.

We are &ca

Henry Dickinson Esqr
Treasr of the Eastern Shore

[Council to Hooper.]

In Council Annapolis 30th March 1779.

Sir.

We received to Day, your Letter of the 26th inclosing Mr Whiteley's Letter to you of the 22d Esteeming it of high Concern to the Peace and security of the People and their Property on the Water Sides to punish such villanous Outrages as that committed on Mr Whitely, we wish you by all Means if in your Power, to send a Detachment of your Militia in pursuit of the Aggressors. Our Gallies are below and, if you think it necessary that they should act in Concert with the Militia; you will be pleased to send the inclosed to Commodore Grason, advising him how he may best assist the Operations you may concert, though it will readily occur to you that, if you can accomplish the Business without him for a Certainty, the Success of the Enterprize had better not be hazarded by the Delay which may be occasioned by calling on him. The long Delay of examining into the Conduct of such Offenders and the Frequency of their Escapes, seem to have left little Terror in our Courts, clearly not enough to deter the wicked from the Perpetration of the Highest Crimes against the State; we have had too much Softness and are sorry that there's a Necessity for a different Conduct.

We are &ca

Henry Hooper Esqr Lt
of Dorchester County

Thursday 1st April 1779 Liber C. B. 1779–1780

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Hyde Two hundred and Eighty six Pounds, fifteen shillings for the Use of William Goldsmith due him ꝑ acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury one hundred and forty one Pounds Thirteen shillings & six pence due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud. and also the further Sum of Fifty Pounds on Account

After three Days spent in examining Witnesses on both Sides on a Memorial presented to the Governor & Council by James Draine, Marsh Marine Duvall, Benjamin Belt, Joseph Duvall, and James Draine junr against James Mullikin praying that he might be removed from the Magistracy of Prince Georges County, It was recommended by his Excellency & the Council to the Parties, to make up and settle all Differences subsisting between them and in future to live in Peace. Whereupon the Memorialists agree to withdraw their Memorial and We the Subscribers agree that all Differences & Disputes which have heretofore subsisted between Us be buried in Oblivion and that we will not revive the same and that this shall be published in the News Paper

Saturday 3d April 1779 C. B.

Present as on Thursday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Zephaniah Turner Esqr Ninty eight Pounds seventeen shillings & six pence per Account passed by the Depy Aud

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Friend Sixty Pounds, due him per Account passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to John Annis seven Pounds, ten shillings due him for burying a Soldier per Acct passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shaw, Three hundred and two Pounds, sixteen shillings per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Johnson nine Pounds, fifteen shillings per Account passed by the Depy Audr

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut, Baquess of Capt. Campbells Compy two pair of Shoes.

C. C.
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[Council to D. Hughes.]

In Council Annapolis 3d April 1779

Sir.

You have herewith a Copy of a Letter from the War Office dated the 25th of last Month and of its Inclosure from whence you'll see we are called upon for a Company of Militia to guard the Prisoners at Fort Frederick. It is absolutely necessary that there should be a good Guard and we request you to get a Guard of Militia ready to enter on Duty instead of the Regular Troops. We are sorry for the Necessity of calling out any of the Militia at this Time, it must be prejudial to them and to the Public. If Men can be engaged for four Months to perform this Service for a Bounty of sixty Dollars and Continental Pay and Rations we will willingly and gladly pay that Bounty and possibly, as the Militia in general are so much interested in the Measure, we may with their Assistance engage the Number or great Part of the Number wanted. We wish you to exert your Endeavours for that Purpose; perhaps some may be picked up in Frederick, the Militia on Duty may be discharged as Men are engaged to fill their Places. Should any Thing occur to you which you think may tend in any Degree to ease the Militia, you'll be pleased to mention it to us.

We are &ca

Danl Hughes Esqr
Lt of Washington County

C. B.

Monday 5th April 1779

Present as on Saturday

Commissions of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to Joseph Dority Commander of the Sloop General Gates, 50 Tons Burthen, mounting 8 Carriage Guns, 2 Swivels & 8 Small Arms belonging to David H. Cunningham & Archd Gamble of Baltimore and also to Benjamin Tatem Commander of the Schooner General Gates 30 Tons Burthen, mounting 8 Swivel Guns and 9 small Arms, belongg to Hugh Young & Compy of Baltimore

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Brogden Thirty six Pounds, two shillings and nine pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Audr

Commissions of Lre of Marque and Reprisal issued to Alexander Murry Comr of the Brig Columbus, mountg 10 Car. Guns, 6 Howitz & 12 small Arms, belonging to Samuel & Robert Purviance of Baltimore

Tuesday 6th April 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Johnson, Fifteen Pounds Fifteen shillings due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud

[Council to J. Brice.] C. C.

In Council 6th April 1779.

Gent

The Dolphin came in this Morning for a Supply of Provisions for the Gallies, an Account of which we have inclosed and which we shall be obliged to you to Purchase. We hope and expect that she will not be delayed she is to call here before she proceeds down.

Committee at Balto
S. Purviance Jur
Wm Smith & others

We are &ca
J. Brice

[Delegates in Congress to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Sir

We had the honor of receiving in course of Post your several letters of the 26th ulto. with their respective inclosures & immediately made the necessary application to enable us to give you the information you desire. The inclosed letter from Mr. Governur Morris Chairman of a Committee of Congress for superintending the Quarter master & Commissary Generals departments will point out the present demand for the army. We must add that if it is in the power of the State to provide for the transportation to this City of the Flower purchased by this Agent, it will be deemed an essential service rendered to the Public. We are sorry that in fixing the quota of troops for the service of the present year the distressed & exposed situation of some other States prevented us from availing ourselves of the circumstances pointed out in your letter. Our Endeavors shall not be wanting to obtain the same discount for recruits raised in the State as hath been allowed to others.

We find by a resolution of Congress inclosed to us by your Excellency that the amount of the damages sustained by the inhabitants of the State from the irregularities of the 4th Georgia Battalion commanded by Colonel White is payable to your order, we therefore return the resolution & estimate & intreat you to favor us with an order which we will transmit

Original to the Auditors of the army for payment with instructions to forward the money as you shall direct.

The last letters from General Washington mention the return of Sir H. Clinton from an expedition supposed to be intended against New London, the loss of 14 light Transports driven on shore by a late storm on Fishers Island in the sound & the arrival at N. York of 28 sail from Europe & Halifax with some few troops, the number not ascertained. The French Minister hath received dispatches from Martinique dated the 6th ult°, the particulars have not yet been communicated to Congress, but we learn that the Intelligence is interesting & agreeable.

We are, with much respect, your Excellencys
Most Humble & most obedt Servts
Geo. Plater
Wm. Paca
Wm. Carmichael
John Henry.

Philadelphia
April 6, 1779

[Gouverneur Morris to Delegates in Congress.]

Gentn

Notwithstanding our Endeavors we find it impracticable to lay before you a State of our wants or to say what supplies to them must be expected from the State of Maryland. The Measures taken to prevent the Commys from Preying upon the Public meet our warmest Approbation. In order to lessen Difficulties and obtain a speedy and effectual aid, we shall limit our present Demand to 10,000 Barrils of Flour which we wish may be delivered in this City upon the best terms possible by the 1st Day of July, as follows 2000 by the 1st of May, 3000 by the 1st of June and 5000 in that Month. The Greater Quantity and the speedier the Delivery the more will the Public be benefited. Our Reason for wishing it delivered in this City is to avoid the horrid Train of Expenses which are incurred by transportation in the common way. We are

Your humble servants
2d April '779 By Orders Gour Morris

C. B. Wednesday 7 April 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Harvey Howard Twenty seven Pounds due him p Acct passed by the Depy Audr

Thursday 8. April 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday. Thos Sim Lee Esquire Attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Leavely Ninty Pounds for the use of Andrew Grebble due him per Acct passed by the Depy Audr

[Washington to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Head Quarters Middle Brook, 8th April 1779

Sir

I have been honored with yours of the 26th March inclosing a Resolve of the House of Delegates for the incorporation of parts of the German Battalion and Rifle Corps into a Regiment, and another for forwarding the recruiting service. I also at the same time received from the president of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates two Resolves—one empowering me fully to settle the Rank of the Officers of the Maryland line, the other allowing half pay for life to such Officers as shall remain in service during the War.

By an allotment of the quota of troops to be raised by each State, made by Congress the 26th Feby 1778, the German Battalion was wholly attached to the State of Maryland and considered as her Regt since which it hath done duty in that line. Had not this been the case, the incorporation of such parts of that Regiment and Rifle Corps as are deemed properly to belong to Maryland would still be attended with the greatest inconveniences, particularly in regard to reconciling the Ranks of the Officers, Colo Rawlins and most of his being elder than Colo Weltner and those of the German would supersede them upon incorporation.

Indeed Colo Weltner would not only be superseded, but he must be supernumerary. In short, the difficulties attending the measure recommended are more than can be conceived, and I am convinced by experience that it cannot be carried into execution without totally deranging the German Regiment.

In January last, Congress, to make some provision for Colo Rawlins and his Officers, resolved that he should increase his remaining men (who are not more than 70 or 80) to three Companies to be commanded by him as a separate Corps. The times of most of the old men are near expiring and whether they will reinlist I cannot say.

I entertain a very high opinion of the merits of Colo Rawlins and his Officers, and have interested myself much in their behalf. It is to be regretted that they were not provided for in the States to which they belong, when the Army was new modelled in 1776, but as they were not, after a variety of

Original plans had been thought of that above mentioned was esteemed the most eligible, and indeed the only one that could be accepted, as the introduction of those Gentlemen into the line would have been impracticable.

I have, agreeable to the powers vested in me, appointed a Board of General Officers to take into consideration and report to me the rank of the Maryland line. I do not imagine that it will be possible to give general satisfaction, but I am convinced that the Gentlemen who have the Business in hand will pay the strictest attention to the claims of all parties, and give the most disinterested decision.

Whatever that decision may be, I hope it may be considered by the State as definitive, and that they will not in future pay any regard to the importunities of those who may be discontented with the arrangement which is about to be made.

I have sent off as many Officers as can possibly be spared with recruiting Serjeants, Drums and Fifes. They are directed to report to your Excellency for instructions and money. I have but one matter to recommend which is, that the Officers be ordered in the most express manner not to enlist any British Deserter under the penalty of being obliged to refund the Bounty, as the Recruit, upon being discovered to be a Deserter, will be dismissed the Service. These people not only debauch our other troops, but are sure to desert again to the enemy upon the appearance of an offer of pardon, or any the least encouragement, and more than probable carry others with them. I have the honor to be

Your Excellen^{cys} most ob^{t}

Gov. Johnson. G^{o} Washington

C. B. Friday 9 April 1776

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western Shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Harwood, Three hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Benjamin Nicholson due him for one Years Salary as Judge of the Court of Admiralty per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud^{r} Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to George Ranken seventy five Pounds due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the said Treasurer pay to James Houston Fourteen Pounds due to him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Duncan Campbell a Nine months Soldier in the 5th Regiment, Discharged the Amount of Twenty three pounds in Cloathing and 1 Blanket due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

Saturday 10 April 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer receive of John Randall, Four thousand two hundred and Eighty one Dollars of the Emissions of the 20 May 1777 and 11 April 1778 received by him on Account of this State as appears by an Affidavit Lodged with this Board

[Council to Delegates in Congress.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 10th April 1779

Gent

We received yours of the 6th Inst. and have at present only to request you will forward to us some Commissions of Letters of Marque. It will save you and ourselves Trouble, if we can be Supplied with a Considerable Number. Some Vessels have been obliged to Sail without and we have been informed, losses have been sustained in Consequence thereof

We are &ca

Delegates in Congress

[Count Pulaski to Council.] Original

Annapolis the 10th April 1779

Gentlemen

I Came down to have the honour of presenting my Compliments to you; in the mean time call for your assistance in my recruiting. Congress having ordered my Legion to Georgia authorised me to the same right of inlisting Soldiers, for undouptely or by sikness or desertion I'll lose some of my men on the road, which lost added to the one I made in the last Campaign could hardly be repared in the southward the white people being very scarce there. that granted I should be very much indepted to you, would the Capt Segond who I leave behind, find the same protection and support which the Council granted to him last year.

I clame Gentelman for your steem and amity. calling my legion, Maryland legion I'll endeavour my self to have that name for ever honoured by our friends and respected by our enemies, and that way reach to the glory whom I and my officers are found off

I am Gentelmen
with the greatest consideration
Your most humble and obedient Servant
C Pulaski

the honnourable Council

Original [Count Pulaski to Gov. Johnson.]

Annapolis April the 10th 1779

Sir

twice I came down in Hope to see you and get your Acquaintance, I was twice dissappointed, and unlucky Enough to find you out the town. you will hear I am in my way to Georgia; Give me Leave to take my farewell, and in the mean time to beg for the Continuation of your kindness for my Legion. I left a Request to the Concil on that Purpose: I flater myself you Will favour me with the influence you have among the Gentlemen of that Board, the Capt. Segond who stay behind, is desired to Return you thousand thanks, and Let you Know all the Chagrin, and sorrow I had of having not the honour to see your Excellency, and shew my self the Greatest Consideration with Wich, I am Sir

Your most Humble
Most Obedient Servant
C. Pulaski L.

His Excellency Governor Johnson

C. C. [Council to Dashiell.]

In Council Annapolis 12th April 1779

Sir.

We send you by Mr Hughes 100l Lead, according to your Request. We have ordered the Commodore to send the Dolphin and Plater armed Boats, if they can be spared, up the Sound to act in Conjunction with you & Colo Hooper; they are to call upon you and if, as we have some Reason to expect, they should want Hands, we must request you will give them every Assistance and as some Gentlemen have shewn a laudable Zeal in offering themselves as Voluntiers, we hope you'll meet with no Difficulty. The long Delay of examining into the Conduct of such Offenders and the frequency of their Escapes seem to have left little Terror in our Courts, clearly not enough to deter the wicked from the Perpetration of the highest Crimes against the State; we have had too much Softness & are sorry that there is a Necessity for a different Conduct We are &ca

Colo Geo. Dashiell

[Council to Nicholson.]

In Council April 12th 1779

Sir.

We received yours of the 4th Instant & have sent the Plater

& Dolphin with Stores for the Gallies. The Commodore receives by this Opportunity, Instructions to continue the Cruise a Month longer than was intended, provided you can prevail on your Men to remain for that Time. We expect the Committee of Baltimore have wrote you on the Subject & informed you that a Vessel of 20 Guns from Philadelphia and the Cutter commanded by Capt Cunningham are to cruise on the Coast and will soon be ready for Sea. C. C.

We are &ca

Capt James Nicholson

[Council to Grason.]

In Council April 12th 1779.

Sir.

We have received yours of the 4th Instant by Capt Bryan of the Dolphin; she has had all the Assistance we could give in loading with Expedition and now returns with the Plater, with a double Quantity of every Kind of Provisions you requested, a few Articles excepted, which were not to be had in Baltimore, and which are not thought to be materially necessary. It is our wish that you cruise three Months instead of two intended, provided Capt Nicholson can prevail on his Officers and Men to remain so long in the Service. Frequent Complaints having been made to this Board that the sound is infested by a Parcel of daring Villains in a small Vessel and that some Vessels have actually been taken & others plundered by them; you are to send the Dolphin Tender, if she can possibly be spared with the Plater immediately up the Sound to cooperate with Colo Geo. Dashiell in endeavouring to secure the Vessel and Crew. Colo Dashiell shall be advised of this Order in Time to give every Assistance to the Dolphin & Plater and should they want Men, we have no Doubt of their getting Voluntiers for this necessary Duty

We are &ca

P. S. Order the Plater up as soon as the Service is performed in the Sound

Commodore Grason.

[Council to W. Hemsley.]

In Council Annapolis 12th April 1779.

Sir.

We have received yours of the 7th Instant. It will be required from the Men to make separate Depositions with respect to the Cloathing they have received from the State

C. C. and, if they insist on the Cloathing, they must receive it here as we have none any where else; if they will receive Money in Lieu of the Cloathing, it will be paid on the Depositions being produced

We are &ca

Colo Wm Hemsley

C. B. Tuesday 13 April 1779

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Gardner a 9 Mo Soldier in the 6 Reg. Discharged the amount of Sixteen Pounds, Eighteen shillings and Nine pence in Cloathg and 1 Blanket, Basil Edelin, a 9 Months Soldr in the 3d Regt Discharged the amount of Twenty one Pounds in Cloathing. Thomas Nash a 9 Months Soldr in the 6th Regt Dischd the amt of Sixteen Pounds, Eight Shillings & nine Pence in Cloathing & 1 Blanket, Richard Everit a 9 Months Soldier in the 6 Regt Dischd the amt of Sixteen Pounds, eight Shillings and Nine Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, James How a 9 mo Soldier in the 6. Regt Dischd the amt of Twelve Pounds, fifteen shillings and six Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, Michael Lawson a 9 Months Soldier in the 1 Regt Discharged the amt of Fourteen Pounds, five shillings and six pence in Cloathing & 1 Blanket, Josias Smith a 9 months Soldier in the 3d Regt Discharged, the Amot of Twelve Pounds, three shillings and Six Pence in Cloathing, and also to Benjamin Rawlings a 9 months Soldier in the 6th Regt Discharged the amount of Fourteen Pounds, five Shillings and Six Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket due them by Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Two hundred and Eighty six Pounds ten Shillings due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

C. C. [Council to Smallwood.]

In Council Annapolis 13th April 1779.

Sir

The Governor wrote you the 26th Ulto in Answer to yours of the 17th which we imagine had not reached you when we wrote on the 29th in which you were informed of the Resolution of the Assembly respecting the Staff Officers Claim to the 400 Dollars and that by another of their Resolutions this Board is authorized to exchange all Bills of the Emissions of May 20th 1777 & April 11th 1778 that have issued out of the

Treasury of this State, provided Application be made for that C. C.
Purpose before the 20th May next. Inclosed you will receive Arrangements of the Officers of the 3d 4th and 7th Regts specifying the Times of their Appointments in the first Instance and their Promotion and Succession to Vacancies in 1777. The Resolution of this Board is to permit those who have applied for Leave to go into New York, to go no farther than the Lines, and from this we have but seldom departed, and in this Case we wish not to add to the Instances, not from a Suspicion of Mr Hopkins's Attachment to America, but because the p. 232
Season for the Enemys taking the Field is near at Hand. We wish to put an entire Stop to a Communication that may be productive of bad Consequences; we therefore as Mr Hopkins is on the Spot, wish you would make the necessary Application to his Excellency Genl Washington to promote an Interview, on the Lines, betwixt him and any Person or Persons he may name.

We are &ca

General Smallwood

Wednesday 14 April 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Zephaniah Hoskins a 9 Months Soldier in the 3d Regimt Discharged the amt of Fourteen Pounds, five Shillings and Six pence in Cloathing & 1 Blanket Notley Goldsmith a 9 mo Soldr in the 3d Reg. Dischd the amt of Twenty one Pounds, five Shillings & Six Pence in Cloathing, John Stone a 9 mo Soldr in the 2d Regt Dischd the amt of seven Pounds, fifteen shillings and six Pence in Cloathing & 1 Blanket, Thomas Biggs a 9 mo Soldr in the 2d Regr Dischd the amt of Five Pounds, nine Shillings in Cloathing Abednego Jackson a 9 mo Soldr in the 2d Regt Discharged, the amt of Twenty Pounds & six pence in Cloathing, John Norris a 9 Mo Soldr of the 3d Regt Discharged the amt of Twenty one Pounds fifteen shillings and Six pence in Cloathing, James Yeates of the 2d Regt Dischd the amt of Ten Pounds, Eighteen Shillings in Cloathing, Barton Goddert a 9 Months Soldr in the 2d Regt Dischd the amt of seventeen Pounds, ten shillings & six Pence in Cloathing, Steven French a 9 mo Soldr in the 2d Regt Discharged the amt of Two Pounds, one Shilling & Six Pence in Cloathing, Joseph Drury a 9 mo Soldr in the 2d Regimt Dischd the amt of Six Pounds, thirteen shillings in Cloathing Barney Payne a 9 mo Soldr in the 2dRegt Dischd the amt of Thirteen Pounds, ten shillings and Six pence in Cloathing, Thomas Beall a 9 mo Soldr in the 2d Reg. Dischd the amt of Two Pounds, six shillings and six Pence in

C. B. Cloathing, Joseph Resewick a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Six Pounds, five Shillings and Six Pence in Cloathing, Joseph Fields a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 3^{d} Reg^{t} Discharged the am^{t} of Twenty Pounds, five Shillings and six Pence in Cloathing, Philip Mattingly a 9 m° Soldier in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Ninteen Pounds, eighteen shillings in Cloathing, Henry Garner a 9 M° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Thirteen Pounds, one shilling & six Pence in Cloathing Rudolph Barnhouse a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 3^{d} Reg^{t} Discharged the am^{t} of Twenty Pounds, five shilling & six Pence in Cloathing, Jacob McCoy a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of seventeen Pounds, ten shillings and six Pence, Jonathan Riney a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of six Pounds, three shillings in Cloathing, John Wheatly a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg^{r} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Twelve Pounds, ten shillings & six pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, Normand Bunes a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Eight Pounds, three shillings in Cloathing, Thomas Wise a 9 M° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg. Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Four Pounds, five shillings & six pence in Cloathing Leonard Howard a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Discharged the am^{t} of seven Pounds, fourteen shillings & six Pence in Cloathing, Ignatius Clark a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg^{r} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Four Pounds and Six Pence in Cloath^{g} and 1 Blanket, Robert Drury a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Four Pounds eight shillings in Cloathing Francis Fenwick a 9 m° Sold^{r} 2^{d} Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Twenty Pounds, five shillings and six pence in Cloathing, Thomas Mattingly a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of sixteen Pounds, five shillings and six pence in Cloathing, Joseph Stone a 9 m° Soldier in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Four Pounds Eighteen Shillings in Cloathing, James Barnes a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Regm^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Ninteen Pounds, eight Shillings in Cloathing, Jeremiah King a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 3^{d} Reg^{t} Discharged the am^{t} of Twenty Pounds, five shillings & Six pence in Cloathing and also to Charles Clark a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the Am^{t} of one Pound one shilling and six pence in Cloathing due them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Winset a 9 m° Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Discharged Five Pounds, five shillings and Six Pence the balance due him in lieu of Cloathing allowed by the Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Yeates a 9 m° Sold. in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Disch^{d} six Pounds due him in lieu of a Blanket, allowed by the Act of Ass^{y} to procure Troops for the A. Army

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde, one thousand

seven hundred and ten Pounds and also the further Sum of Six hundred and twenty one Pounds, ten shillings for the Use of John Randall issuing Commissary to be Accounted for C. B.

Thursday 15 April 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Fisher Sixteen Pounds for the Use of William Banckes per Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Munro two hundred Dollars the Bounty due to Charles Rawlings enlisted by him to be charged to the 1st Regiment

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ensign William Layman of the 1st Reg^t 2p^r Shoes, 6 yds. white Flannell & 10 yards Coarse Linen to be ch^d accordingly

That the said Commissary Deliver to John Taylor a 9 M^o Soldier in the 1st Reg^t Discharged, the am^t of Twenty Pounds, five shillings and ten Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, Ebenezer Athy a 9 m^o Sold^r in the 1 Regim^t Discharged, the am^t of Fourteen Pounds five shillings and Six Pence in Cloathing and one Blanket, Bennett Posy a 9 m^o Sold^r in the 1st Reg^t Disch^d the am^t of ninteen Pounds, five shillings and six pence in Cloathing, Levin Harrington a 9 m^o Sold^r in the 1 Reg^t Disch^d the am^t of Ten Pounds, thirteen shillings and ten Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, and also to Richard Harrington a 9 M^o Sold^r in the 1st Reg^t Disch^d the am^t of seventeen Pounds, five shillings and Six Pence, due them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

Permission and Recommendation granted to Robert Millegan of this State to go into the City of New York for the purpose of getting a Passage from thence to Great Britain

[Gov. Johnson to Gérard.] C. C.

Annapolis 15th April 1779.

Sir.

I have the Pleasure to send you by an Officer just going to Philadelphia a Box which I received a few Hours ago, from a Gen^t just arrived from L'Orient, who informs me that he received it with verbal Directions to deliver it to the first Governor on this Continent that he possibly could, in Order that it might be forwarded immediately. On receiving the Box, I was apprehensive that the heavy Matter which it concontained, put into it, I presumed for the Purpose of sinking it,

c. c. if the Vessel in which it came should have been chased, would, in so long a Carriage on Horseback, have fretted and defaced the Papers so as to have rendered them useless; I therefore had the Cover ripped up, about eight or ten Pounds of Sheet Lead taken out, and the Cover again nailed down and sealed in the Presence of the Council and myself. I flatter myself Sir! that this Caution intended only to prevent your Papers being defaced, will not be disapproved

I have the Honor to be &ca

T. J.

Monsr Gerrard

[Council to the Chevalier De Segond de la Place.]

In Council 15th April 1779

Sir.

We are of Opinion that we cannot give Permission to recruit Men in this State for Col^o Arman's Corps, it having been enacted by the General Assembly in June Session 1777 "That no Officer of the United States shall inlist any of the Inhabitants of this State in the Service of the United States, unless in some one of the Battalions from this State, under the Penalty of one hundred Pounds for each Person inlisted contrary thereto" Count Pulaski's Officers inlisted a good many Men in this State for his Legion, but that was done by Permission of the Assembly.

We are &ca

Capt De Segond

[Council to Board of War.]

In Council 15th April 1779.

Gen^t

Immediately on our Receipt of Mr Peters's Letter of the 25th of March we issued Orders to the Lieu^t of Washington County to provide a Guard for the Prisoners at Fort Frederick, we have not since heard from the Lieu^t Col^o Rawlings is of Opinion that, besides the Inconvenience of taking seventy Men from their Farms a Militia Guard if they can be kept together, will not be so attentive as desirable He says that he could in a Day or two, put all the Prisoners out, one or two at a Place, with Men who have taken the Oath of Allegiance
p. 293 and who he thinks, might be depended upon and that rather than be subject to take the Chance of being on Guard, they would receive them to work on their Farms on the terms of giving Security in a reasonable Sum for producing the

Prisoners whenever called on. The great Loss to the Individuals and the Public in having our Farmers taken from Home for six or eight Weeks in the summer Season, induced us to empower the Lieutenant to inlist a Guard on a pretty high Bounty, but we doubt the Success of it, and much wish that Col° Rawlings's Plan was adopted; besides the Advantages already hinted, it would save the Consumption of a great Deal of Public Provision, which cannot be procured at Fort Frederick without great Difficulty and Expence. We shall be obliged to you for an Answer by Capt Campbell who is the Bearer of this C. C.

And are &c^a

Board of War

Friday 16 April 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col° Moses Rawlings, one hundred and fifty Pounds for the Use of Lieut Adamson Tannehill of the Rifle Regim^t and also the further Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds for the Use of John Reid Quart. Mast. to said Reg^t due them by a Resolve of the Genl Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniell Carroll Esqr Two hundred & sixty four Pounds, due him for his Attendance in Council

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieu^t George Armstrong of the 3^d Maryland Regim^t two thousand Dollars the Bounty of 1 Recruit, Peregrine Howard enlisted into the said Regim^t and also the further Sum of Sixteen Dollars allowed by the General Assembly for enlisting

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Moses Rawlings, two thousand Dollars to be applied towards the Recruiting Service, and also the further Sum of one thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Stores for the Use of the Officers in the Rifle Regim^t they being on a Detached Service at Fort Pit

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Moses Rawlings two thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Richard Brooke of Montgomery County for the Purchase of Wheat and Flour for the Use of the Continental Army

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut, Thomas Cromwell, Five thousand Dollars on Account of the Recruiting Service; he being appointed by General Smallwood & having his Instructions of the 9th Int. for that purpose

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut, Thomas Cromwell, Forty Eight Pounds, fifteen Shillings due him per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Mark Alexander One hundred and Fifty Pounds for the Use of and to be delivered over to Ensign Henry Speak of the German Battalion per Acc passed by the D. Aud^{r}

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Winter a 9 m^{o} Soldier in the 5th Regim^{t} Discharg^{d} the am^{t} of Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing, John Loury a 9 m^{o} Sold^{r} in the 5th Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of twenty nine Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing, Thomas Clark a 9 m^{o} Sold^{r} in the 3^{d} Reg^{t} reinlisted the am^{t} of Fourteen Pounds, three shillings and seven pence in Cloathing, Joseph Strickland a 9 m^{o} Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Regim^{t} Discharged the am^{t} of Eighteen Pounds, thirteen shillings and nine pence in Cloathing due them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the said Commissary deliver to Col^{o} Moses Rawlings, of the Rifle Reg^{t} 9 yards Coarse Cloth for Leggins for the Officers of that Regiment.

C. C. [Council to T. Richardson.]

In Council Annapolis 16th April 1779

Sir.

In Answer to yours of the 15th Ins^{t} we think it will be much the best for you to continue drawing the Money as you used to do. What of the Wheat may be collected in Montgomery, by Maj^{r} Brooke we wish also to be delivered to you and that the whole may be manufactured and sent forward as soon as possible; what can be sent to your Mills conveniently, we would chuse to have ground up there. By a Letter from Mr Govr Morris, they want from this State 2000 B^{lls} of Flour by the first of May, 3000 more by the first of June & 5000 in that Month. By a Letter from Col^{o} Hollingsworth of the 10th Ins^{t} he then had about 15000 Bushels of Forage stored at the Head of Elk; he seems to be under strong Expectations that his Difficulties are over about Forage.

We are &^{ca}

Capt Thomas Richardson

C. B. Saturday 17 April 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Jesse Woodyard a 9 m^{o} Sold^{r} in the 1 Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Twenty Pounds, five shillings and six pence in Cloathing, Thomas Jenkins a 9 m^{o} Sold. in the 1 Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of

Twenty Pounds, five shillings and six pence in Cloathing, C. B.
Eneas Davis, a 9 m° Sold^r in the 1st Reg^t Disch^d the am^t of Twenty pounds five shillings & six pence in Cloathing, Richard Lanham, George Hardy, George Welsh, Bennett Sanders, John Adams, Henry Fowler, Philip Briscoe, Charles Thompson, & William Gates, 9 Month Soldiers in the 1 Regim^t Discharged the am^t Twenty Pounds, five shillings and six pence each in Cloathing, Richard May a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1st Reg^t Disch^d the am^t of twenty two Pounds, fifteen shillings & six pence in Cloathing, Randall Hoskins a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1st Reg^t & reinlisted the am^t of four Pounds, fourteen shillings and four Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, William Higdon a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1 Reg^r & reinlisted, six Pounds fourteen Shillings and four Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, George Batterman a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1 Reg^r & reinlisted Fifteen Pounds, four shillings and four Pence in Cloathing, Jonathan Mahew a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3^d Regt^t & reinlisted three Pounds, fourteen shillings and four Pence in Cloathing Bennett Mudd a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1st Reg^t & reinlisted seven Pounds, fourteen shillings & four Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, William West a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3^d Reg^t & reinlisted Five Pounds, four shillings and four Pence in Cloathing, Richard Freeman a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3^d Reg^t reinlisted Five Pounds twelve shillings in Cloathing Raphael Hagan a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1 Reg^t reinlisted, Twelve Pounds four Shillings and four Pence in Cloathing, John Williams a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1 Reg^t reinlisted, seven Pounds fourteen shillings and four Pence in Cloathing & 1 Blanket, John Pennock a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3 Reg^t reinlisted seven Pounds, fourteen shillings and four Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket Thomas Dutton a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1 Reg^r reinlisted Thirteen Pounds, fourteen shillings and four Pence in Cloathing, Acton Robey a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1 Reg^t Nine Pounds, nine shillings and Eleven Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, John Garner a 9 M° Sold^r in the Reg^t 1 reinlisted seven Pounds, fourteen shillings and four pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, Richard Elliot a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1 Reg^t reinlisted Four Pounds, Eight shillings and nine pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, Gabriel Brand, a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3^d Reg^t reinlisted Five Pounds, ten shillings and ten Pence, in Cloathing, Jeremiah Roades, a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3^d Reg^t reinlisted seven Pounds three shillings and two pence in Cloathing, John Green a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1 Reg^t reinlisted, seven Pounds fourteen shillings and four Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, Frederick Hearty a 9 M° Sold^r in the 7 Reg^t reinlisted, Eight Pounds, seventeen shillings and Eight Pence in Cloathing & 1 Blanket, Mathew Casady a 9 M° Sold^r in the 7 Reg^t reinlisted Eight Pounds, seventeen shillings and Eight Pence, in Cloathing &

C. B. 1 Blanket, William Joyce a 9 M° Sold in the 1 Reg^t reinlisted Thirteen Pounds, fourteen shillings and four Pence in Cloathing, Francis Kitely a 9 M° Sold^r in the 7 Reg^t reinlisted, Six Pounds, seven shillings and Eight Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, Emanuel Grooms, a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1 Reg^t reinlisted, seven Pounds, fourteen shillings and four Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, John Carroll a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1 Reg^t reinlisted Five Pounds fourteen shillings and four Pence in Cloathing, Patrick Henagan a 9 M° Sold^r in the 7 Reg^t reinlisted, One Pound in Cloathing, Samuel Green a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1 Reg^t reinlisted seven Pounds, fourteen shillings and four Pence in Cloathing, John Blair a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3^d Reg^t reinlist^d Fifteen Pounds, four shillings and four Pence in Cloathing, John Beans a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3^d Reg^t reinlisted, Six Pounds, four shillings and four Pence, in Cloathing, John Turner a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3^d Reg^t reinlisted, Fifteen Pounds, four shillings and four pence in Cloathing, Thomas Kairney a a 9 M° Sold^r in the 5 Reg^t reinlisted Sixteen Pounds, Six shillings & nine pence in Cloathg. Richard Mudd a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1 Reg^t reinlisted, Thirteen Pounds, two shillings & four Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, William Griffin a 9 M° Sold^r in the 1 Reg^t reinlisted, Sixteen Pounds ninteen shillings and Eleven Pence in Cloathing, Henry Goldsberry a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3^d Regim^t reinlisted Ten Pounds, Eight shillings & nine Pence in Cloathing, Gerbener Lemmon a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3^d Reg^t reinlisted, Eleven Pounds, Eighteen shillings & nine Pence in Cloathing, Edward Barton Cissell a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3^d Reg^t reinlisted, seven Pounds, fourteen shillings & four Pence in Cloathing, and Charles McKnab a 9 M° Sold^r in the 7 Reg^t reinlisted one pair shoes, due them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Annis seven Pounds ten shillings for Burying a Sold^r &^ca p^r Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud^r

That the said Treasurer pay to George Ranken Thirty Pounds ꝑ Acc^t passed by the D. Aud.

Ordered that the Western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Roberts a 9 m° Soldier in the 3^d Maryland Regim^t & reinlisted in the same, Thirteen Pounds, ten shillings and ten Pence due him in lieu of Cloathing allowed by Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

Monday 19 April 1779

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esquire

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt John

Eccleston of the 2d Maryland Regimt Two thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service, he being appd by General Smallwood & having his Instructions of the 9 Inst for that Purpose C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Hardman of the 2d Regmt two thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut, William Bruce of the 1 Regt two thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers a Recruiting Officer, Two thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruit-Service on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt John Eccleston 2 Hats & 4 Shirts to be charged to the 2d Regimt

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Jacob Hunt a 9 Mo Soldr in the 7 Regt & reinlisted Fifteen Pounds, eight Shillings and ten Pence in Cloathing and 1 Blanket, William Fortune a 9 Mo Soldr in the 7 Regimt reinlisted, seventeen Pounds, Eighteen Shillings & ten Pence in Cloathing John Carroll junior a 9 Mo Soldr in the 1 Regimt reinlisted Thirteen Pounds, five shillings and six Pence in Cloathing, James Colely a 9 Mo Soldr in the 1 Regimt Discharged Twenty Pounds, five shillings and six Pence in Cloathing, and Thomas Mobley a 9 Mo Soldr in the 3d Regimt Discharged, Twenty two Pounds and three Pence in Cloathing due them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

[Council to Sheriff of Dorchester.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 19th April 1779

Sir.

Capt John Eccleston is now down on the Recruiting Service, he purposes to have his Party chiefly at Cambridge; if there is no Continental Issuing Commissary there, and we suppose there is not, he may be at a good Deal of Difficulty to get Provisions: to remedy it as far as may be, we request you to purchase some Flour and Meat, principally Bacon, and put it in a Way to be delivered out occasionally to Capt. Eccleston's Order, for the Subsistance of his Party and Recruits. Pray be at the Trouble of Keeping an exact Account of the Expence, as it may be charged, as it ought, to the Continent

We are &ca

Robertson Stevens Esqr
Sheriff of Dorchester County

C. B. Tuesday 20th April 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Jonathan Morris of the 7th Maryland Regimt three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service he being appointed by General Smallwood and having his Instructions of the 9 Inst. for that purpose

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Nathan Williams of the 6 Regimt Three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut, Samuel McPherson of of the 1 Regt two thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Edward Wright of the 7th Regimt Three thousand Dollars, to be expended in the recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Bailey of the 3d Regimt Four thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer pay to Jesse Littell, Three Pounds, fifteen shillings per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Armstrong of the 3d Regt two hundred Dollars, the Bounty to James Jones enlisted by him & the further Sum of Sixteen Dollars for enlisting Jones,

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Bailey Thirty nine Pounds, sixteen shillings for the Use of Samuel Chester p Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Loveless a 9 Mo Soldr in the 1 Reg. & reinlisted thirteen Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and four Pence in Cloathing due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the said Commissary deliver to Lieut. Wright, of the 7 Maryld Regimt 3 pair Shoes and 3 pr Overalls

C. C. p. 234 [Council to the Chevalier De Segond de la Place.]

In Council 20th April 1779

Sir.

The Assistance given in this State last year, towards recruiting Genl Pulaski's Legion, was in Consequence of a particular Resolution of the General Assembly, from the Terms of which, the Intention of the Assembly seems to have been, that the Liberty of inlisting within this State for that Corps should only continue 'til the Number of Men then appointed to be raised by a proportion on each County should be compleated. In

the last Session, the General Assembly came to another Resolu- C. C.
tion for recruiting the Maryland Quota of Continental Troops, a Copy of which we inclose you, this enables recruiting for the Maryland Continental Regiments only. We have no Discretion in this Business, the Direction of the Assembly is the Rule of our Conduct, from which we are not at Liberty to deviate.

We are &ca

Capt Segond

[Council to Henry.]

In Council Annapolis 20th April 1779

Sir.

We shall immediately send off to Philadelphia for Money, and order a Sum to be left in your Hands, on its Way down; we should have sent it you by Capt Wilson, but our Treasury will not afford it. The Purchase of Wheat and Flour now makes a Demand on us of upwards of 100000£. We shall write to Mr Dallam to keep in his own County, he purchased for the Continent before our Appointment of him & we are sure, whatever he purchases goes fairly to the Continent; your State of the Delaware Purchasers shall go to Congress. So soon as you get any Flour ready, send it forward to the Head of Elk, as it may go on to Philadelphia and have the Wheat you purchase made into Flour as quick as possible; we imagine the Bran & Shorts only ought to be taken out. We wish you to make your Contracts for a certain Price to prevent Disputes, Capt Wilson says he believes you give 2/ a Pound for Wheat; if you can go on at that Rate, we wish you to engage it. You shall very soon be furnished with Money.

We are &ca

Colo William Henry.

[Council to I. Perkins.]

In Council Annapolis 20th April 1779

Sir.

We received your Letter by Mr Wilson last night. Our Treasury will not bear any considerable Advances at present; the immediate Demand for the Purchase of Wheat and Flour exceeds 100000£. We shall send off to Philadelphia to Day or, at farthest Tomorrow, for Money, and order Part of it into yours & Colo Henry's Hands, on its Way down. What Wheat you get, we wish you to have manufactured into Flour p. 235
with all Dispatch, we imagine only the Bran & Shorts ought to be taken out; Your Flour, send forward as quick as possible to the Head of Elk, as it may be sent on to Philadelphia. We

C. C. wish in your Agreements you would fix the Price absolutely, as you may not be embarrassed about the Settlement hereafter. The Midlings and Ship Stuff, we cannot conceive, will be useful & therefore would not have you purchase it. If we find it absolutely necessary, we shall give the Power of seizing, but it is the Intention of the Act, that the Measure should not be taken, but on the most pressing Occasion. If you can contract from £4 . . 10 . . — to £5 . . 10 . . — for Wheat, and £17 . . 10. to £18 . . 15. for good Flour, we think, you had better go on, you shall be very soon furnished with Money. You must hire Carriages to transport the Provisions; if not to be hired, on Information given us, we shall send an Order to have them impressed

We are &ca

Colo Isaac Perkins

C. B. Wednesday 21 April April 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen, two thousand two hundred & twenty one Pounds, five shillings due him p Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde two thousand Dollars to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Perry Benson of the 5th Maryld Regt Two thousand Dollars for the recruiting Service

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to William Hemsley Esqr Ten thousand Pounds on Acct for the Purchase of Wheat, Flour & Bread under the late Act of Assembly

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Bruce of the 1 Regt 6 pair of Shoes, 1 pr Overalls, & 1 yard Flannel to be charged to said Regimt

That the said Commissary deliver to Lieut. Armstrong of the 3d Regt 21 Pair Shoes to be charged to the 3d & 1 Regimt

That the said Commissiary Deliver to James Dod a 9 Mo Soldr in the 7th Regimt Discharged, Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

Permission given to William Noke and his wife to Leave this State by the way of the West Indies

Commissions issued to John Harris appointed 2d Lieut, & William Sommers Ensign of Capt Thomas Spriggs Compy George Horskinson 1 Lt John Douden 2 Lieut, Walter Harding Ensign of Capt William Blackmore's Compy Thomas Hay's Capt in the room of Richd Smith, John Sommers 1 Lt Hezekiah Veach 2d Lieut, Walter White Ensign, William

Norris of Wm Capt in the room of Fred'k Sprigg, Charles Busey 1 Lieut, John Henton 2d Lieut, & Jacob Rhodes Ensign belonging to the Upper Batt. of Militia in Montgomery County and also to John Ray Capt in the room of Samuel West, Nathaniel Crawford 1 Lieut, George Cullam Capt in the room of Amon Riggs Brock Mockby 1 Liut. Nathan Linthecum 2d Lieut, Thomas Nicholls Ens. Nicholas Ray Capt in the room of Robert Owen, Thomas Conner 1 Lieut, Samuel Crow 2 Lieut, Samuel Musgrove Ens Zephaniah Beall Capt in the room of Archd Orme, Benjamin Ray 1 Lieut, Samuel Offutt 2d Lieut, Bennett Greenwell Ensign Benjamin Ricketts 2d & Benjamin Gray Ensign of Captain John Bruce's Compy belonging to the Middle Battalion of Militia in Montgomery County Chs Bruce Capt Henry Hillary 1 Lt Lodwick Davis 2 Lt Griffith Davis Ens Benjn Gaither Capt John Dickinson 1 Lt Jno Wm Moore 2 Lt Stephen Holland Ens. Middle Batt. Monty County C. B.

[Council to President of Congress.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 21st April 1779

Sir.

The Person's Appointed in Consequence of the late Act of Assembly of this State to purchase Wheat, Flour, and Bread for the use of the Continental Army, are in Want of Money to proceed in the Business. We are advised that about 10,000 Barrels are wanted; our Treasury is by no means able to advance the money; if the Quantity is procured, it will not cost much, if any Thing less than £400000. We have lately advanced about 30000 Dollars for the Recruiting Service. We request that Congress will furnish us, through the Hands of our Delegates, with as great a Part of these Monies as can be immediately issued and the Residue as soon as at all convenient; the Purchasers already have a Demand on us for upwards of 100,000£ and any Delay may produce very disagreeable Consequences

We have the Honor to be &ca

President of Congress

[Council to Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 21st April 1779

Sir.

Colo Wm Henry informs us that you have been purchasing Flour in Kent County. As there are Purchasers appointed in that & every other County in the State, we request you to

c. c. confine your Purchases to your own County, and pray advise us as soon as you can of the State of your Purchase

We are &ca

Colo Richard Dallam

[Council to W. Hyde.]

In Council 21st April 1779

Sir.

We hope you'll receive in Philadelphia upwards of 200000£ from our Delegates, if you get that or any other considerable Sum, you are to endeavour to get a light Carriage or other Convenience for conveying it and also a Guard, as far as the Head of Elk, where Colo Hollingsworth will, we expect, assist
p. 236 you with what may be convenient and render you safe. If any Number of Gentlemen should be coming from Philadelphia, so that a Guard would be useless, you'll avail yourself of their Company. We would have you call on Colo Henry at George Town & Colo Perkins near Chester Town and leave with them the Money that may be necessary to pay for and continue their Purchases, taking their Receipts; we suppose 30000£ may be necessary for each. You'll take from each of them a Memorandum of the State of their Purchases, by which you'll be able to judge of the Sums wanted. We need not particularly recommend to you to be careful, in Consequence of your Prudence we have requested you to go on this Business

We are &ca

Col William Hyde

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 21st April 1779

Gent

We inclose you a Letter for Congress which be pleased to present for a large Sum of Money for the Purchase of Flour &ca for the use of the Army. We have sent Colo Hyde and Mr Howard up for it, we wish there may be no Delay and that you would have them assisted with a Carriage and, if necessary, a Guard as far, at least, as the Head of Elk. We do not think that less than 200,000£ will by any means do, we have not more than 25000£ of passing Money in the Western Shore Treasury and not a great deal in the Eastern. The Price of Grain and Flour is daily rising. Our Purchaser in Baltimore has engaged about 5000 Bushels of Wheat from 5 to 7–10£. We have ordered him to stop 'til we can see

Mr Robt^t Buchanan, this will cost upwards of 30000£. Mr C. C.
Dallam has purchased in Kent 500 B^lls of Flour, we do not know what he has done in Harford. Col^o Henry has engaged about 1000 B^lls of Flour in Kent, he has agreed to give the Philadelphia Price, deducting Freight and Carriage, and some Wheat. We have wrote him to make his future Contracts certain, he complains of Purchasers coming from Delaware, amongst them, Continental Purchasers, and raising the Price. Col^o Perkins in Kent has bought upwards of 200 B^lls at £15 p^bl the Casks at 25/. he has also engaged about 1000 Bushels of Wheat at the Current Price when delivered & expects about 200 Bar^lls & 1500 Bushels more; we wrote him, as we did Col^o Henry, as to uncertain Contracts. There is yet Wheat in Balt^o Harford, Montgomery, Frederick, Kent & a Little in Queen Anns, but we do not know where the Price will stop. We hear there's a good Deal of Flour in Baltimore, we expect Mr Robt Buchanan down Daily and design to consult, whether the deficient Quantity may not be got on the Water at once; we had better procure it, even at an advanced Price, and Save the Delay and Expence of Carriage We have advanced thirty thousand Dollars on the Recruiting Service. We never knew, 'til by a Letter from Genl Washington, rec^d p. 237
last Sunday, that the whole of the German Regiment was placed to Maryland, and our Rifle Companies under Col^o Rawlings a distinct Corps, presuming the latter was a Part of our Quota, we have drawn the 400 Dollars to the Officers: the other Day we advanced him 1000 Dollars for recruiting and, as he was ordered on a detached Service, we drew £1000 to be expended in Sugar, Coffee Spirits &^ca for the Officers, as is customary for our Officers & others: they never having yet been benefitted in that Way and the Service they go on, rather than any other, requiring it, we shall charge these Advances to the Continent Pray dispatch Col^o Hyde & Mr Howard with as much of the Money as can be got, less than 200,000£ will do nothing

We are &^ca

Delegates from Maryland
in Congress.

[Council to Hemsley.]

In Council Annapolis 21st April 1779.

Sir.

We yesterday rec^d your letters of the 12th & 17th Ins^t. We have sent to Philadelphia for Money and now inclose you an Order on the Eastern Shore Treasury for 10000£. as much as

C. C. our Circumstances can bear, 'til we are supplied by Congress. If you can get good Wheat at £5 . . 10 . . or so much in Weight as will be equivalent to that by the Bushel and not inconvenient to Mills, high as it is, we believe you will do as well as the other Purchasers. The Quantity expected from us is 10000 Barr[ls] By the Accounts we have from Kent & Baltimore, about the Value of 3000 is already secured there. What Wheat you purchase, we wish you to have ground up at your own or any other Mills convenient, and forwarded with all despatch to Col° Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk, that it may be sent on; we imagine that the Bran & Shorts only need be taken out and that, unless the Bran & Shorts can be disposed of otherwise to Advantage they had best be sent to Col° Hollingsworth, to be consumed by the Continental Draft Horses kept there. We expect hourly to see M[r] Robert Buchanan from Baltimore to confer about the Purchase of Flour; there's a good Deal in Baltimore & probably there may be no Occasion to use the extraordinary Power which the Assembly will not have exercised but on the most absolute Necessity.

We are &[ca]

Wm Hemsley Esq[r]

[Council to Dickinson.]

In Council Annapolis 21st April 1779

Sir.

We shall be obliged to you to send hither all the Continental Bills in your Office, belonging to the Public, of the Emissions of May 1777 & April 1778 that they may be put into the Continental Treasury and draw Interest from the Continent as soon as may be; and be pleased also to advise us of the sum of circulating Money now, to an exactness, in the Eastern Shore Treasury, as we may know how to draw occasionally

We are &[ca]

Henry Dickinson Esq[r]
Treasurer of the Eastern Shore.

C. B. Thursday 22[d] April 1779.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Horney a 9 M° Sold[r] in the 5th Reg[t] Discharged Twenty seven Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing, John Horney a 9 M° Sold[r] in the 5 Regim[t] Disch[d] Twenty seven Pounds in Cloathing, Thomas Lewis a 9 M° Sold[r] in the 3[d] Reg[t] reinlisted Two Pounds Fourteen shillings & four Pence in Cloathing and also

to Thomas Bird a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3^d Reg^t reinlisted Eleven Pounds, four shillings & ten Pence in Cloathing due them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army C. B.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Ashmead Nine thousand, three hundred and ninty nine pounds, fifteen shillings & eleven Pence for the use of and to be delivered over to Margaret Cummins Executrix of the Testamentary & last Will of Robert Cummins late of Baltimore County Deceased (Certificate of Letters Testamentary granted being produced)

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Bagness Twelve Pounds, five shillings due him per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud^r

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty the following sums of Money for the use of the several Persons hereafter mentioned per Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud^r

One Pound seventeen shillings & six pence for the use of Guy Elder

Thirty Pounds for Nicholas Hissler Five Pounds for Henry McLeery

Eleven Pounds, fourteen shillings for Lodowick Kemp

Two Pounds Ten shillings for Jacob Hoof

One hundred and Fifty six Pounds, three shillings & nine Pence for William Beatty

Sixty Two Pounds, Five shillings for John Ransburg

Ninteen Pounds, seven shillings and six pence for Elizabeth Stoner

Thirty Eight Pounds, thirteen shillings & four Pence for Capt Geo Beckwith & his Comp^y

Twenty Eight Pounds, five shillings and ten pence for Capt Isaac Barr & his Comp^y

Ninty one Pounds, ten shillings and Eight Pence & Fifteen Pounds, five shillings for Richard Hoff

Forty five Pounds, thirteen shillings and Thirty one Pounds, ten shillings for Thomas Beatty

[Council to Naval Officers in Baltimore.] C. C. p. 238

In Council 22^d April 1779

Sir

Inclosed you have a Copy of a Resolution of Congress of the 14th Ins^t rec^d this Morning accompanied with a Letter from the Massachusetts Delegates in Congress, requesting in particular, Permission for loading the Schooner Bonner, Capt Richard Stiles. Capt Stiles has also produced us his Address from the Board of War in Boston to Messrs Hoofman and May

c. c. of Balt° who appear to be Agents for that Board in conducting the Purchase and shipping off Flour & Grain to them.

We therefore desire that the said Schooner Bonner may be permitted to load with Grain & Flour or either of those Articles and afterwards cleared out in your Office for Boston, but previous to the Vessel's being cleared out the Persons who ship the Grain or Flour, as well as the Captain, make Oath or Affirmation, if a Quaker and indorsed on the Back of the Manifest of the Lading "that the Grain or Flour therein mentioned was shipped and received on board the within mentioned Vessel in Pursuance of the Orders of the Board of War of the State of Massachussetts and for the Sole Purpose and Intent of transporting the same to the State of Massachusetts to be there delivered according to the Order and Desire of the said Board of War." If, as probable, Messrs Hoofman and May should want Permits for other Vessels, advise them that we think it necessary they should write to us on the Subject. You'll give a Certificate to Capt Stiles of the Oath being taken on his clearing out &, for his Safety, we intend to add an Indorsement on his Papers, on his way down, which may satisfy any Body into whose Hands he may happen to fall, of the Exception in Favor of his being loaded with Articles generally prohibited

We are &^ca

The Naval Officer at
Balt° Town

Friday 23^d April 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Jacob Norris of the 6th Regim^t Three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service.

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Nicholas Martin Commander of the Sloop Porpus mounting 6 Carriage Guns 4 Howitz & 8 small Arms belonging to John Davidson & Comp^y Annapolis

Commission issued to Aquila Paca, John Love Thomas Johnson, William Smithson, John Archer, William Bond, Abraham Whitacre Ignatius Wheeler, James McComas, Saml Groome Osborne John Rumsay Mordecai Amos, Robert Amos, John Patrick, James Giles, James Philips, John Hall, Jon Craub, Aquila Paca jun^r app^d Justices of the Peace for Harford County also to Aquila Paca, John Love, John Rumsay, John Archer and Thomas Johnson appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for Harford County.

[Council to Sheriff of Ann Arundel Co.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 23d April 1779

Sir,

It is represented by Mr Rigley that a Writ of Ne exeat is issued and served against William Noke and that you have let him go at Large without any Security, alledging that a Certificate granted to him by this Board, purporting that the Government had no Objection to his going to Europe by way of the West Indies, was a Supersedeas of the Ne exeat. You certainly cannot discharge any Man from Legal Process in a Civil Matter on the Order of this Board, was such Order to issue; but, to prevent Mistakes or Misapprehensions, this is to inform you that the Certificate granted to Mr Noke, is no Discharge or Supersedeas of any Kind of Process, nor was it so intended.

We are &ca

Sheriff of Ann Arundel County.

[Council to D. Hughes.] p. 239

In Council Annapolis 23d April 1779

Sir.

Inclosed you have a Letter directed to you from the Board of War & a Copy of one just received by the Post. We wish Colo Rawlings's Idea of placing the Prisoners out to work with good Whigs, may take Place; the Security you take, we do not expect, will be very high, but sufficient to make those who have the Prisoners attentive & vigilant. The Plan of keeping up a small Guard at Fort Frederick to receive back such of the Prisoners as may misbehave, will be a prudent and, we hope an effectual Check on the Conduct of those who are let out and we much wish that a sufficient Number of Men may be engaged, on a Bounty as formerly proposed to do that Service, so that the Militia may be left to prosecute their private Affairs and when the Militia see that every Step is taken for their Ease, which can, with Safety, we flatter ourselves, they will generally cooperate with you to effect our Views.

We are &ca

Danl Hughes Esqr
Lt of Washington County

[The Chevalier d'Anmours to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

Sir,

I have the honour to Recommend to your Protection, the Bearer of this Monsieur A, Sigonier Capn in Col Armand's Regiment in the Continental service, who has been insulted

Original in the most provoking manner By one Jeremiah Swain hostler to the Deputy Quarter master in Baltimore, in Consequence of this Accident this Gentleman has been Bound By the law and is now prevented to Join the Army to the prejudice of his Character and that of public service which he Can not attend, unless your Exelency will relieve him, if you think the man may be properly punished for an action which may equally affect other officers in such Cases he would beg that satisfaction in order to prevent any thing of that nature for the future. Mr Lindenberger is the magistrate Before whom the mob brought them, not without striking that officer and abusing him with the most insulting names either to him or the nation he Belongs to. I Can assure your Exelency that that Gentleman who left the french service for that of this Country allways Bore an Exelent Character and is Generally Esteemed as well for the mildness of his manners as for his military Bravery.

I am with the Greatest Respect
Sir
Your most humble
& most obedient Servt
LeChev D'anmours

Baltimore
April 23 1779

Saturday 24 April 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Frederick Green One thousand eight hundred and Eighty two Pounds, two shillings & six Pence due him ꝑ acct passed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Fourteen Pounds Eleven shillings and eight Pence due him as Messenger to the Governor & Council to the 23d Inst

That the said Treasurer pay to John Brice Esquire Five hundred and fourteen Pounds ten shillings for Cartage from & to the Landing, Grinding and Bolting 1470 Bushels Wheat @ 7/ ꝑ Bushel for the Use of the State Troops per Agreement with the Governor & Council

That the said Treasurer Exchange for Capt. Thomas Beall, of one of the Rifle Companies, four hundred Dollars the Present by the General Assembly agreeable to a Resolve of the same.

Commission issued to Normand Bruce appointed Lieut of Frederick County

[Council to D. Hughes.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 24th April 1779

Sir.

Yesterday Afternoon, after writing the Letter herewith sent you we received yours of the 19th Inst with Colo Barrett's Letter inclosed.

We flatter ourselves that if an Expedition goes on the Westward, that Force will necessarily call off the Indians from the Frontiers, but in the mean Time the Inhabitants must be encouraged and protected, or they will leave their Settlements, Colo Barrett has proposed in his Letters, the Building Stockaded Forts at three different Places; he does not mention his Ideas of the Expence or the Number of Men which will be necessary: we should have been Glad of your Sentiments on these Points, as well as the Means of supplying Provisions, Any thing that is done, we imagine, ought to be with a meer Temporary View. You will be frequently advised of the Situation of Things and therefore may, on a Change of Circumstances so likely to happen, be able to do what is proper before you can advise us. As Things now appear to us, we think it would be well for Colo Barrett to draw out a Company, for a Month from his Battalion and that about sixty Men should be drawn out from your County Militia below, for the same Time; Barrett's Battalion renewing their Number from Time to Time, whilst necessary and, if it should be necessary, to replace the sixty Men, then to draw them below: if you think this Number necessary, we desire and empower you to give the necessary Orders accordingly or to order any less Number that you may think sufficient. If from the Situation of Affairs, you should judge it absolutely necessary, that a greater Force should be immediately sent we desire you to send out what you may think necessary to keep the People from deserting their Habitations and advise us by Express that we may exert every Means in our Power to preserve the Settlements and divide the Burthen as equally as may be. You do not mention the Quantity of Powder & Lead that you have or whether you have any; furnish Colo Barrett with what may be necessary, if you have it, if not, order from Frederick Town an ample Supply. We wish you to concert the Means of supplying Provisions on the best Terms and to appoint some Person to conduct that Business whose Activity and Integrity may be relied on.

We are &ca

Daniel Hughes Esqr
Lieut of Washington County

C. B. Monday 26 April 1779

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Isaac Rawlings of the Matross Com^{y} in Ann^{s} Linen for 2 Shirts & Cloth for a p^{r} Breeches & Jackett

That the Eastern Shore Treasurer pay to John Thompson Purchaser of Queen Ann's County Six thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Wheat, Flour & Bread

Commission issued to Joseph Merrikin appointed Coroner in Ann Arundel County

C. C. [Council to W. Hyde.]

In Council Annapolis 26th April 1779

Sir.

This is designed to be left for you at the Head of Elk. Mr Saml Gilpin one of the Purchasers from Cecil has been down with us for Money & Instructions: he has a Probability of Purchasing a Quantity perhaps as far as 800 or 1000 Barrels of Flour, we have advised him as to the Price. We request you, on your Arrival at the Head of Elk, you would send for him, he lives only about seven Miles from thence & leave with him what Money may be necessary. Take a Mem^{o} of the situation of Mr Gilpin's Purchase.

We are &^{ca}

Col^{o} Wm Hyde

[Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

In Council 26th April 1779.

Sir.

By Letters lately received, the Demand of the Army on us is for 10,000 Barr^{ls} of Flour, only 2000 Barr^{ls} by the 1st of May, 3000 more by the 1st of June & 5000 in the Month of June. It is not distinctly expressed whether the Quantity of 10,000 Barr^{ls} is inclusive or exclusive of what the Continental Purchasers have on Hand; we suppose and hope it is inclusive. The Continental Purchasers of Provisions are stopped so that the Supply is to rest almost wholly on our Agents. We have Wheat and Flour engaged to the Amount of 3000 Barr^{ls} & have directed the Flour to be sent forward to you as quick as possible, nor have we any Doubt of your Activity to send it away with all possible Dispatch. It is highly necessary to be informed from Time to Time of the Quantities which go through your Hands and we request you'll take the Trouble to do it; be pleased to distinguish what may be sent by our

Purchasers and favor us also with the Quantity of Flour sent forward since the 10th of this Month and what you have remaining on Hand. We are glad to hear that you are so well provided with Forage, we wish it removed We are &ca C. C.

Colo Henry Hollingsworth.

[Council to R. Dallam.] p. 241

In Council Annapolis 26th April 1779

Sir.

We yesterday received your Letter of the 23d Inst; this incloses you a Duplicate of your Appointment, we cannot account for the Miscarriage of the first on any Supposition but the Negligence of the Sheriff, which is intolerable with Respect to public Letters. Capt Richardson of Montgomery, a Continental Purchaser, was reappointed by us, he chuses to draw the Money as before from the Continent for the Convenience of setling Accounts; if equally suitable to you, it would be agreeable to us you should do so, if not, we hope on Colo Hyde's Return, to be able to furnish you fully; he is gone to Philada for Money for that Purpose. The Demand on us is only for 10000 Barrls 2000 by the first of next Month, 3000 by the 1st of June & 5000 in that Month. We look on it that we have upwards of 3000 Barrls in Wheat & Flour secured. The Convenience of Transportan to the Head of Elk, where we have requested all Flour to be sent to the Direction of Colo Hollingsworth, makes it desirable to get as much as may be in your Neighbourhood, we wish you to push it forward as quick as you can. Our Letter was not intended to give you any Uneasiness or convey an Idea of our thinking you blameable; we have appointed Gentlemen in Kent who, we are confident, will attend to the Purchase with Diligence & Honor, and we think it desirable for the Purposes of Regularity & to prevent public Purchasers from being made use of against each other, that each be confined to his own County. We have the strongest Reliance that you will conduct this as you have other Business for the Public, the most for the general Interest. We are &ca

P. S. Advise us frequently of the Situation of your Purchase.

Richd Dallam Esqr

Tuesday 27 April 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Adam

C. B. Martley Thirty six Pounds due him as Adjutant to Col° Wells Batt Fred. County p Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph White seven Pound, twelve shillings and six Pence due him per Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Muño Six Pounds the Allowance for enlisting Charles Rawlings a Private in the 1 Maryl^d Reg^t p Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Wood jun^r One hundred and ninty nine Pounds, & seven Pence for the use of John Balsell, Five Pounds, ten shillings for the Use of John Shockey, Three Pounds, fifteen shillings for the Use of William Weyor and also three Pounds ten shillings for the use of Nich^s Hartsock p Acc^ts passed by the Dep^y Aud.

Permission given to William Smith Esqr Agent for the Hon̄ble Congress to Ship on Board the Schooner Hazard Capt Perkins her full load of Flour for Portsmouth in the State of New Hampshire the same being in Consequence of Orders of the Navy Board the said Vessel Clearing out with the Naval Officer at Baltimore

Sir,

We request that you will deliver into the Hands, of Mr Thomas Harwood Treasurer of the western shore all the Continental Bills of Credit, of the Emissions of the 20th May 1777 and the 11th of April 1778 in your Hands as Treasurer of the Eastern shore taking his Receipt therefor on the Acc^t of the Quota of this State & Lodging the Receipt with the Aud. Genl who is to give you a Receipt for that which you deliver to him———To Henry Dickinson Treas^r of the East. Shore

Commissions issued to Philip Smith jun^r appointed a Major William Carmack Capt in the room of Philip Smith, John Parkinson 1 Lieut, Solomon Bentley 2^d Lieut, John Wood Ensign. Jacob Trout Capt in the room of Christ° Stull, Conrard Creekpaum 1 Lieut, Jacob Ramsberg 2^d Lieut. & Philip Crist Ensign, Belonging to Col° James Johnson's Batt. of Militia in Frederick County.

C. C. [Council to S. Gilpin.]

In Council Annapolis 27th April 1779

Sir.

In Conversation Yesterday on the Subject of your Purchase, we advised you not to exceed twenty Pounds a Hundred for Flour. We are apprehensive of the distressing Circumstances which must follow from the Want of Flour, should it happen,

and would therefore wish to avoid it. If you cannot get the Flour you had in Prospect under, we wish you to contract, as soon as you can, as far as £22 . . 10. The Convenience and Expedition with which it may be sent away, will make some Amends. C. C.

We are &ca

Saml Gilpin

Wednesday 28 April 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Commission issued to John Barrick of Handeal appointed Ensign of Capt Valentine Creagers Compy in Colo James Johnson's Batt of Milita in Frederick County

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Lingan Fifteen Pounds for the use of Thomas Richardson per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Joseph Wood, seven Pounds ten shillings for the use of John Hartfort per Account passed by the Depy Aud. and also the further Sum of Two hundred Pounds, to be delivered over to Capt Richard Hoff on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to William Richardson Five hundred and fifteen Pounds nine shillings due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Eastern Shore Treasurer pay to Capt John Hawkins of the Fifth Marld Regimt Two thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service he being sent on that Duty as per Genl Smallwoods Instructions of the 9th Instant

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Luke Matthewman Commander of the Brigantine Snake, 50 Tons burthen, mounting 14 Carriage Guns, 6 Swivels & 18 Small Arms Belonging to David Stewart, Hugh Young & Saml & Robt Purviance of Baltimore Town

[Council to T. Richardson.]

In Council Annapolis 28th April 1779

Sir.

Mr Lingan left your Letter by accident, but informed us of the Contracts. We would have you continue purchasing as Agent of this State if you can continue to draw the Money from the Continent, we would have you do so; if you are in any Difficulty about it, we hope to be able to furnish you in a few Days, we having sent to Philada for Money to answer the whole Purchase. We are sorry your Prospects are no p. 242

C. C. better, small as the Quantity desired is, we are apprehensive that we shall be puzled to get it

We are &ca

Thomas Richardson Esqr

Original [De Segond de la Place to Gov. Johnson.]

baltimore the 28 april 1779

Sir

agreeable to your desire I'll send my soldiers down the bay as far as possible. they'll be provided here with vessel and provisions but there being scarcity of flour in virginia I suppose it might be of some difficulty to renew and get other provisions there.

was your excellency kind enough to write a letter to the virginia's governor to forward my transport and afford him with necessaries thing in case of leading and crossing some part of the state. the general the legion and peculiarly I would be forever obliged to your public zeal.

I am, with the greatest consideration

His excellency's the most humble and obedient Servant

Chevr de Segond. Capt.

P. S. one vessel being to Sail Saturday evening, we wait for your orders Saturday morning by the post

His excellency governor johnson.

C. B. Thursday 29 April 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Johnson Three Pounds seven shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. John Crapper of the Baltimore Galley Eleven Pounds, ten shillings due him in lieu of Rations ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Audr

That the Commissary of Issues deliver to Lieut John Crapper of the Baltimore Galley 92 Rations in the following Species ꝑ Acct Lodged with & passed by the Depy Aud. 57½ ls Bread, 57½ ls. Flour; 57½ ls Beff & 46 ls Pork

Leave is hereby given if his Excellency General Washington shall approve the same and accordingly grant Permission and not otherwise, to Mrs Achsah Chamier Widow of Daniel Chamier Esquire Deceased to Ship in New York on board an Unarmed Vessel and therein to Transport to Hampton Road in Virginia her Household Furniture and Wearing Apparel where the same may be received on board Bay Craft and

carried to Baltimore, Mrs Chamier sending with the Goods a particular Invoice of the Household Furniture and of the Marks and Numbers of the Packages of her Wearing Apparel, and making an Affidavit endorsed on the Invoice that the Goods therein mentioned are her own Property and for own Use C. B.

Recommendation given to Thomas Jones of Baltimore Town to the Commanding Officer at the Posts near the British Lines for Leave to have an Interview on the Lines with a Gentleman of New York, if the Business cannot be conducted on the Lines, Leave is given him to go into the City of New York on his obtaining the proper Permission according the Resolution of Congress

[Council to Naval Officer at Baltimore.] C. C.

In Council 29th April 1779

Sir

Permit the loading & clear out the Schooner John, Capt John Harris Master for Boston with Flour or Grain, he being addressed to Messrs Hoofman & May for that Purpose by the Board of War of the State of Massachusetts in the same Manner & on the same Terms as we directed the Lading & clearing out of the Schooner Bonner Capt Richard Stiles by our Letter of the 22^d^ Ins^t^

We are &^ca^

Naval Officer at Baltimore

[Council to Hoofman and May.]

In Council 29th April 1779

Gen^t^

We have furnished Capt Harris with a Permit to load his Vessel Capt Sweat's Schooner lying in Chingoteague in Virginia, we cannot with Propriety, give any Permission or Instruction as to her Loading. We apprehended, so soon as any Cargoe sent from Hence for the loading that or any other Vessel, is landed in Virginia, it is subject to the Laws of that State, so that Permission from the Government of Virginia is necessary

We are &^ca^

Messrs Hoofman & May.

C. C. [Council to Washington.]

In Council Annapolis 29th April 1779

Sir.

Mrs Chamier's Friends are very desirous of obtaining Leave for her sending her Household Furniture & Cloathing round from New York by Water. We are not satisfied of the Propriety of any particular State giving a Permission of the Kind, though we wish, because of Mr Chamiers generous Conduct to many of our Prisoners, his Widow should obtain the desired Indulgence; this has laid us under the Necessity of submitting this Matter to you and to request, if your Sentiment is not against it, that you will give a Permission, on which only ours which we inclose, is intended to be of any Efficacy

His Excellency We are &ca

General Washington

p. 243 [Council to N. Bruce.]

In Council 30th April 1779

Sir.

We received your Letter Yesterday. The Person we sent to Philadelphia for Money to defray the Purchase has not yet returned and 'til he does we are not able to supply it; he will be down soon and we shall remit you immediately; we hope a Week or ten Days can make no very material Difference to the Sellers. What wheat you purchase, we wish to be manufactured and the Flour of that as well as any Flour you get, sent with all Expedition to Mr Robert Buchanan at Baltimore Town. The whole Quantity wanted is not great but essential to sustain the Army. If you can get Flour at £15 we would have you engage what you can without Hesitation and employ Waggons to send it forward but by all Means see that it is in such Order that it will keep. Pray write us frequently

We are &ca

Colo Normand Bruce

[Council to S. Gilpin.]

In Council Annapolis 30th April 1779.

Sir.

We are glad of your Success in your Purchase. We wrote you the other Day advising you that rather than lose the Flour in the Mills we thought it best to give the exorbitant Price of 22–10. The Accounts we have of the Damage done by the Frost, leaves little Prospect of a sudden Fall in the Price and Flour in your Neighbourhood is in a very desirable Situation.

We believe you judge very right in preferring Flour to Wheat. C. C.
Col° Hyde has not yet returned, we hope he will soon be with you, with the Money. From a Letter rec^d by this Day's Post, we are induced so far to change our former Instructions to you as, instead of sending it forward to Christeen, that you will let it continue in the Mills, where you purchase it and that you will send us, by the 20th of May, an Account of what you have on Hand and the particular Place where each quantity of it lies, noting the Distance to the most convenient Landing, from whence it may be taken on each Bay, in the mean Time write us by every Post.

We are &^ca

Mr Saml Gilpin.

[Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 30th April 1779

Sir

We are glad to hear you have been so successful in your Purchase. We had a principal Dependance on your County and wish you to get as much more as you can; there's no great Probability of a speedy fall in the Price. The Accounts we have received, we believe too well founded of the great Injury to the growing Grain by the Frost, is very alarming and will much contribute to keep up the Price. Considering that p. 244
Harford is in such a Situation that the Expences of Transportation as well as the Delay of it will be much less than from many other Places and relying on your Activity, we would very reluctantly have any, in the best Situations taken out of your Hands. If you can purchase at £20 you had best not hesitate or even if you could strike for 1000 Barr^ls of good fresh Flour at £22 . . 10. you had better not let it slip you; too much depends on a Supply, to hazard it. The Permission granted by Congress to the New England Agents to purchase, has of Course raised the Price, and the Congress must have expected it. If you can draw Money from Philadelphia, it will be entirely agreeable to us but we suspect you cannot; we have sent for Money, but have not got it yet; Col° Hyde is waiting for it. The Supply, we are afraid, will not be so ample as it ought; to be. We shall furnish you as far as we can, if you do not get it as you expect. It is necessary you qualify and give Bond, according to the Act. The Shorts and Bran, if it cannot be disposed of otherwise to Advantage, had better be sent to Mr Calhoun at Baltimore, or H. Hollingsworth at the head of Elk, to feed the Continental Horses. From a Letter received by this Day's Post, we are induced to request that you'll have

c. c. what Flour you may get carried to and safely stored at Landings from whence it may be readily sent off by Water and further, that you'll send us an Account of the particular Quantity you may have at each Place, by the 20th May. In the mean Time write us how Matters go on, every week.

We are &ca

Richard Dallam Esqr

[Council to Gouverneur Morris.]

In Council Annapolis 30th April 1779

Sir.

We received, by this Day's Post, your Letter of the 21st Inst In Consequence of your Former Letter, we had directed the Purchasers under our Appointmt to send what Flour they might obtain to the Head of Elk, to be waggoned from thence under the Care of Henry Hollingsworth to Christiana Bridge from whence it might be transported to any Part of Delaware Bay in Shallops; what might be purchased at the Mills between the Head of Elk and the Bridge, we ordered to be immediately sent to Christeen; we now write by this Post to stop that in the Mills where it is purchased & to the other Purchasers to have what they may have got or can procure, carried to convenient Landings on this Bay & there stored, sending us particular Accounts that we may be enabled to give you the Satisfaction you desire. It is with real Concern we see that there's no Prospect of the Price of Grain and Flour falling, but that on the Contrary several Circumstances concur to give
p. 245 Scope to the Avarice of Invividuals. The Permission given to the Massachusetts State to purchase Grain & Flour and Humanity forbid a Refusal, has made new Competitors in the Purchase and the Injury done by the severe Frost to the growing Crop, is truly alarming, we cannot say where the Price will stop, we have been under the Necessity of consenting to give £22 . . 10. We inclose you a very rough & imperfect Estimate of what has been done. We have no Doubt of the Integrity of the Gentlemen we have appointed & that in general, the Business will be conducted with Prudence.

We are &ca

Governieur Morris Esqr

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 30th April 1779

Gent

We are sorry that there was any Necessity to delay Colo

Hyde & Mr Howard the Money is much wanted. The Persons who are Rivals in the Purchase of Wheat and Flour have ready Money in their Hands, which, all the World through, is preferred to Credit. The Sum of 500,000£. is by no Means adequate, the Purchase will be very little so low as £15. a good Deal at £20 and we are afraid, more at £22 . . 10 perhaps upwards, besides Charges of Cask, Carriage and Commission. It is strange to report for 500000 Dollars to answer the Purchase, and pay us 30000 Dollars, now 40, advanced for the Recruiting Service; we hope that the rest of the Money necessary will be issued and sent us, without obliging us to send again for it; our Situation will be very irksome, to be dunned on one side and soliciting and waiting on the other. We have wrote to Mr Morris pretty fully, the Price is high and will probably be complained of, but it is enhanced by the Purchase for the Massachusetts, and the Damage done by the Frost is very alarming. We have a considerable Sum of the called in Emissions in our Treasury, we want to pay it into the Continental Treasury, towards Taxes. Mr Harwood does not think he has a Power to receive it as such, pray what's to be done with it? If he has such a Power, we wish you to have it, explained to him, if he has not, that it may be conferred or, if thought improper be so obliging as to inform us where and to whom we are to pay it. C. C.

We are &ca

Delegates in Congress

[Council to R. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 30th Apl 1779

Sir.

By Letters recd to Day by the Post, we are induced to request that any Flour which may come to your Hands of the State Purchase for the use of the Continent, instead of being sent forward to the Head of Elk may be stored in Baltimore 'til you receive further Directions concerning it. We should be glad to hear that you had Success in your Purchase. Colo Hyde was waiting for the Money, he will be down soon Be pleased to let us know the State of your Purchase the 20th May as we may transmit a general Account as requested of us.

We are &ca

Robert Buchanan Esqr

[Council to H. Hollingsworth.] p. 246

In Council Annapolis 30th April 1779

Sir

Having directed the Purchasers of our Appointment to send

C. C. to your Care, all Flour they might procure for Carriage to Christeen, some of it may reach your Hands before different Orders may get to the Purchasers under Letters we received by this Days Post and therefore we now request that all such Flour as you may receive from any of the Gentlemen of our Appointment may be carefully stored at the Head of Elk to wait the Orders of the Commissioners for superintending the Purchasing Commissary's and Quarter Master's Departments or these of Sir &ca

Colo Henry Hollingsworth

[Council to W. Hyde.]

In Council Annapolis 3d May 1779

Sir.

John Ward Veazey one of the Purchasers in Cecil wrote us the 1st Inst for twenty thousand Pounds to be delivered to the Bearer Mr George Vickars, who he had sent for it. Mr Vickars will probably meet you, if he does, deliver him the twenty thousand Pounds for Mr Veazey to be laid out in the purchase, taking his Receipt hereon

We are &ca

Colo Wm Hyde

C. B Saturday 1st May 1779

Present as on Thursday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Jesse Hollingsworth five hundred and seventy four Pounds, ninteen shillings and five pence p Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr One hundred and seventeen Pounds, fifteen shillings & two pence due him as Cl to the Govr & Co. from the 1 Feby

That the said Treasurer pay to Serjt Joshua Lamb of the 1 Maryland Regimt Two hundred Dollars the Bounty to Thomas Stallins enlisted by him in the Regt p certe Produced and also the further sum of Six Pounds the allowance for enlisting the said Recruit

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to George Weekley a 9 Mo Soldr in the 7th Maryld Regt the amount of twenty seven Pounds, in Cloathing due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

Monday 3d May 1779

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel

Purviance Three thousand, three hundred and Fifty seven Pounds, nine shillings and nine pence per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers Eighty two Pounds, sixteen shill^gs and six Pence, Forty one Pounds, fifteen shillings and six pence and ten Pounds, seventeen shillings and four Pence for the Use of and to be delivered over to Capt Joseph Robson & his Comp^y whilst they were keeping Guard at Taylors & Iames's Island per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Maj^r Jenifer Adams who is on the recruiting Service three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service and Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esquire Paymaster One thousand five hundred Pounds on Account

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Thomas Dickson Comm^r of the Brigantine King Tamine 80 Tons burthen, mounting 10 Carriage Guns, 4 Howitz and 10 small Arms belonging to Hugh Young & Co of Baltimore

Permission is given to Mrs Sheaff wife of Henry Sheaff of Baltimore Town in this State to pass through this State on her way to a convenient Post of the American Army to obtain Leave to have an Interview with her Mother on the Lines and the commanding Officer at such Posts if there should be no Patricular Reason against it is requested to promote that Interview on the Lines

[Council to Perkins and Henry.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 3^d May 1779

Sir

From a Letter received by the last Post, we are induced, so far to change our former Instructions to you as, instead of sending the Flour forward to the Head of Elk, that you'll have it carried to & safely stored at the most convenient Landings on the Waters of this Bay, from whence it may be readily sent off by Water & further, that you'll send us an Account of the particular Quantity you may have at each Place the 20th Ins^t in the mean Time write us how Matters go on every Week We are &^ca

Col^os Isaac Perkins &
Wm Henry

[Council to J. W. Veazey.]

In Council Annapolis 3^d May 1779

Sir.

We sent Col^o Hyde & Mr Howard to Philadelphia for

C. C. Money; they were delayed longer than we expected, but we hear they were to set off last Friday, they were to come by Way of the Eastern Shore and had our Directions to call and leave Money with several Purchasers. If they have not come out of your Reach, be pleased to shew them this, which shall be their Warrant to leave with you the twenty thousand Pounds you want, if you do not get the Money from them, we will send it to you as soon as it gets here, which we dare say will be in two or three Days at most. We would have the Wheat immediately ground up, the Shorts & Bran only separated from the Flour & conveyed to H. Hollingsworth for Forage; such of the Flour as may lie equally convenient to Landings on Delaware as on Chesapeake, we wish to remain at the Mills where it is or may be; that which is more convenient to Landings on this Bay, we request may, with all Expedition, be brought & stored at convenient Landings on the Bay. We request further that you'll send us an Account of your Purchase to the 20th Inst distinguishing the Places where the Flour &ca may then be. We hope you will be attentive to this Part, because a General Account is desired from us.

We are &ca

John Ward Veazey

C. B. Tuesday 4 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to William Hemsley Esqr Five thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Wheat Flour & Bread & accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo John Thompson Five thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Wheat, Flour & Bread & Accounted for

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Cornelius ODonald a Matross in the State Service 1 Shirt 1 pair Shoes, 1 pair Stockings 1 pair Overalls & 1 Coatee due him whilst under the Command of Captain Jaram

That the said Commissary deliver to Thomas Dalziel a Matross in the State Service 1 Coat, 1 Jackett, 1 pr Breeches, 1 Shirt, 1 pr Stockings 1 Hatt 1 pr Shoes & 1 Coatee due him whilst under the Command of Capt Jaram.

That the said Commissary deliver to Stephen Grinnell a 9 months Soldier in the 2d Regimt Discharged the amount of two Pounds ten shillings & six Pence in Cloathing due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

[Council to W. Hemsley.] C C. p. 247

In Council Annapolis 4th May 1779.

Sir.

On Friday by the Post, we received a Letter from Govr Morris, in which he requested that the 10000 Barr^ls of Flour which he before desired to be purchased & sent forward to Philadelphia, should be lodged in Stores, under the Inspection of Officers of our Appointment. That it should be at the Order of the Chairman of the Committee of Congress on the Commissary's & Quartermaster's Departm^ts. That it should be on the Waters of this Bay, so as to be within the Effects of our open Navigation at a Moment's Warning. That it should be collected in Stores, so that it might make him Returns of it by the 1st Day of June at farthest. That what might be got beyond the above Quantity, be stored in like Manner. He says that Orders had been given to stop the Commissaries from purchasing in this State. From this you will see that the Flour Mr R. Morris desires you to purchase is wanted with the same View as that 10000 Barr^ls and from R. M's Letter and other Circumstances, we conclude more than 10000 Barr^ls is desirable. We have, the same Day of the Receipt of G. M's Letter, wrote to Mr Robt Buchanan, Purchaser in Baltimore, & Col^o Dallam, Purchaser in Harford, advising them of the Change of Destination of the Flour, & requested them to act accordingly as we have since done to Mr Saml Gilpin & Jno Ward Veasey, Purchasers in Cecil & Col^o Henry & Col^o Perkins, Purchasers in Kent and we wish that you & Col^o Thompson would get what may be produced by your Purchases in the situation desired as soon as is well possible. We do not know the Reason of the Flour's being desired to be lodged at Landings on this Bay, but to prevent the Possibility of an irreparable Stroke, we think it would be best not to collect too great a Quantity at the Head of Elk and therefore we could wish that the wheat purchased in Queen Anne may, where it is any Way convenient, be ground up in the Neighbourhood. From any Information we have, there are not yet more than about 7000 Barr^ls including Wheat capable of producing, if procured. We are not at Liberty, by the Act, to stop the Purchase in particular Places and continue it in others. Any Thing above the 10000 Barr^ls will be applied to the desired Purpose and the Gen^t in Kent & Cecil seem to have been very industrious; for these Reasons we cannot stop the Purchase on the Eastern Shore. Be pleased to send us an Account, the 20th Ins^t of the Quantity of your Purchase and where it is, that we may be able to answer Mr Morris's Expectation. We send by Mr Carie, an Order in your Favor,

C. C. & another in Favor of Col° Thompson; pray forward his & advise him of the Parts of this which may concern his Conduct, we would write him, but it would delay Mr Carie and be only repeating

We are &^ca

Wm Hemsley Esqr

C. B. Wednesday 5 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Isaac Millican Ten Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury sixty eight Pounds seventeen shillings & nine Pence balance of Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud. and also the further Sum of Fifty Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Marmaduke Medford one hundred and seven Pounds and nine Pence for the use of Col° Donaldson Yeates ꝑ acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to James Brice Esquire One hundred and Eleven Pounds for his Attendance in Council

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith one Pound two shillings and six Pence for Wafers for the use of the Council

Thursday 6 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Commission issued to Thomas John appointed Register of Wills for Montgomery County by the General Assembly in March last in the room of Richard Wootton resigned

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Maccubbin jun^r two thousand one hundred and fifty six Pounds, five shillings for Wheat Purchased of him by John Ward Veazey agreeable to his Order

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Lynch of the 5th Maryland Regim^t Three thousand Dollars to be expended in in the recruiting Service he being appointed by General Smallwood & having his Instructions of the 9 April last for that Purpose

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Peter Briamant Comm^r of the Brig Nancy, 70 Tons burthen mounting 6 Carriage Guns, 7 Swivels and 6 small Arms, belonging to Anthony Marmayore of Baltimore

Friday 7 May 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Hugh Young One thousand four hundred and thirty eight Pounds Eighteen shillings for the use of Samuel & Robert Purviance due them ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette Eighty five Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Done two hundred and sixty Pounds, ten shillings for the use of George Martin per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Ratalack Five hundred and twenty seven Pounds, one shilling & six pence for the use of Ridge & Ratalack ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Richard Thomas a 9 M° Soldier in the 5th Regim[t] Discharged Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing due him by an Act of Ass[y] to procure Troops for the American Army.

[Council to Gov. Henry.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 7th May 1779.

Sir.

The Assembly, finding it out of their Power to Man their Gallies, ordered several of them to be sold; amongst them, there's one Brig-rigged, which was esteemed one of the best, and another, which is not rigged, said to be fully equal, if not superior to either of the others. The Officers, most of them old Sailors, on board those now at the Capes, were strangely prejudiced against them, but now give them the Preference to any other Kind of Vessels for the Service they are on, they speak of them as good Sailers and much better Sea-Boats than they expected. We had rather those we think best adapted for defending the Bay, should belong to Virginia than private People and believing it would rather lessen your Expences as well as add to the common Security, would gladly sell them to you, if you think the Purchase desirable, and will send any Person to treat on the Subject. You may be assured that we shall accomodate you as far as we can & on reasonable Terms. Be pleased Sir, to favor us with an Answer

We have the Honor to be &[ca]

Governor Henry

C. C. [Council to Grason.]

In Council Annapolis 7th May 1779

Sir.

The General Opinion entertained here that the Gallies have been very useful and the Expectation that a great many Vessels designed for this Bay will, in a little Time, be on the Coast; The Merchants are exceeding anxious to prolong your Cruize a Month or two; they have applied to us with great Earnestness to concur in the necessary Measures to effect it which we have done, as far as we can. By Majr Smith & Messrs Young & Johnston who go down at the Request of the Merchants in Balto we have sent Provisions sufficient, we expect, to answer the Purpose. We very much wish that your People may chearfully agree to stay longer and we are confident that you and your Officers, to promote a Service of such Consequence to the Public & many Individuals, will exert your best Endeavours to get them into a good Humour. If the Matrosses from Annapolis, who had the Governor's Promise to return in two Months, do not agree to stay longer, the Promise shall be kept, and we will send down others to relieve them, immediately on being advised of it. We have not seen the Plater, we want her up & wish you to send her.

We are &ca

Commodore Grason

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 7th May 1779

Gent.

The Assembly have left us a discretionary Power to sell Part of our Powder. We think the State might spare 15 or 20 Thousand Weight; it lies at Frederick Town. Not knowing how the Continent is supplied and having Reason to believe your Stock is not abundant; we have not yet disposed of any nor shall we of a considerable Quantity, 'til we hear from you, which we expect to do by the next Post. If there is any want of it for the use of our Army, the sooner it is purchased & delivered, the more agreeable to us. We shall be obliged to you for an Answer by the next Post to that Part of our Letter of the 30th of April, which respects the Emissions called in; we wish to get those Bills out of our Treasury, as soon as we can

We are &ca

Delegates in Congress

Saturday 8th May 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Richard Downes a 9 Mo Soldr in the 7 Regt Discharged Twenty six Pounds in Cloathing due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj Joshua Lamb of the 1st Regt 1 Coatee, 1 pr Overalls & 1 Hat to each of John Bowen & Thomas Stallins & Robert Lanken & also 1 pr Shoes for Lanken

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut William Judah two Reams Cartridge Paper for the use of the Matrosses in Baltimore Town

That the western shore Treasurer pay to George Robinson Sixty Pounds per Acct passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Judah one thousand and Forty seven Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Judah twenty thousand Pounds to be by him delivered over to James Govane to be expended in the purchase of Wheat, Bread & Flour for the Use of the Continental Army & Accounted for four hundred Pounds to him on Account

[Council to James Govane.] C. C. p. 249

In Council Annapolis 8th May 1779.

Sir.

We send you by Mr Judah, twenty thousand Pounds, towards enabling you to discharge your Contracts for wheat &ca for the Continent; we expect a further Sum in a few Days. We shall be glad to hear how you go on in collecting and manufacturing what you have bought and request you will immediately after the 20th Inst furnish us with an Account of your Purchase up to that Time, mentioning where the Wheat & Flour is. We want it with all Expedition to be in a situation to be shipped off in Flour.

We are &ca

James Govane.

Monday 10th May 1779 C. B.

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Randall, Thirty nine Pounds for the Use of Jacques & Randall ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to William Benson seven Pounds ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

Permission granted to Mrs Mariah Edmondson of this State to go with her Daughter to New York in order to get a Passage to Great Britain

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Frederick Baker commander of the Sloop Hero 40 Tons Burthen, mounting 6 Carriage Guns 8 Swivels, 2 Howitz & 14 small Arms, belonging to Richard Curson & Co Baltimore

C. C. [Council to Dr. E. Howard.]

In Council Annapolis 10th May 1779

Sir

We rec^{d} this Morning your Letter of the 9th Mr Nicholas Worthington & Mr Rawlings waited on us on the same Subject as that of your Letter. The Courts of Law can properly and only punish the Fact complained of and, as the General Court sits To morrow, there will be an early Opportunity of a full Enquiry. We are very sorry that any Excess should have been committed, but we fancy the Letter you inclosed paints the Transaction in Colours full strong and attributes Designs to those who were concerned which we hope they did not entertain. It may be of Service in preventing an easy Credulity from receiving ill founded & mischevous Impressions that some Gen^{t} of Weight in the Country would take the Trouble to come down and coolly enquire into the Views and Designs of those who have been concerned. We cannot but disapprove of any Degree of Violence and shall forbid, by Proclamation, any Repetition of it, but those who have engrossed or hold Quantities of Grain ought at the same Time to be influenced by the Dictates of Humanity and not drive the Necessitous to Despair. We believe the ordinary Power is fully sufficient to punish the past and that a little Moderation in those who have to spare and our Efforts would prevent any Irregularity in Future

We are &^{ca}

Doct^{r} E. Howard

C. B. Tuesday 11 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Sutton Twenty seven pounds due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John

Annis seven Pounds ten shillings due him per Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud. C. B.

By his Excellency Thomas Johnson Esquire Governor of Maryland

A Proclamation

That no Excuse may be left to those who may riotously break the Peace and disturb the order essential to the happiness of the Public and the Security of Individuals I have thought fit with the Advice of the Council, being induced thereto by Complaints of recent Outrages and Threats to repeat and extend them to warn all Persons in this State against raising or joining in any riotous Assembly or Proceeding as highly illegal and to notify and declare that they will by such unwarrantable Conduct subject themselves to the necessary and exemplary Punishments inflicted by the Law And all Judges, Justices and Officers of Justice in this State are required according to the Duties of their Offices to prevent and Suppress all such Riots and to put those who may commit them in a due Course of Law, Given at Annapolis this Eleventh Day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy nine

Th. Johnson

By his Excellency's Command

T. Johnson Junr Sec^y

God save the State

[Council to N. Smith.] C. C.

In Council 11th May 1779

Sir.

After having received the Inrollment of those of the Baltimore Matrosses, which appeared to us to correspond with that directed by the Convention, who had petitioned for a Discharge; we imagine that we should have heard nothing more on that Subject, especially as we understood that the Men did not afterwards appear dissatisfied; but two of the Petitioners yesterday laid before us their Affidavits as well as those of the other Petitioners, in all of which they alledge their having engaged only for a year. Desirous of doing Justice, which can only be done by a thorough Investigation of the Truth, it is necessary to examine you on Oath and for that Purpose we request your Attendance as soon as well may be and that you permit two, three or four of the Petitioners who may be agreeable to the others to attend at the same Time.

They also complain that there's a full Suit of Cloathing

C. B. besides a Pair of Breeches, due to them; bring with you therefore, an Account of what Cloathing has been delivered, that we may see what is due

We are &ca

Majr Nathl Smith

Original. [Delegates in Congress to Gov. Johnson.]

philadela May 11th 1779

Sir

We should have sent by Col Hyde a larger Sum than five hundred Thousand Dollars had not the Demands on the Treasury been so pressing and of such a nature as to render it impossible. We have now a Warrant for the further Sum of eight hundred Thousand Dollars, the greater part of which if not the whole, we expect to send forward to you in the course of this week. This supply we hope will enable your Excellency to prosecute with success, the purchase of flour for the Army.

General Washington at this time stands in need of heavy Cannon, for the further Defence of the North River, and the necessity of being immediately supplied with at least five pieces, has induced Congress to apply to our State, for such Cannon as can be spared either on Loan or purchase, at the Election of the General Assembly. Under the circumstances of this case, and knowing the necessity, we cannot suppose the General Assembly (if you have not power all ready) can have any objections against granting the request of Congress.

If you should lend the Cannon, Mr Hughes who has now contracted with Congress for a considerable Number, will be directed to send to Annapolis or such place as you may direct, the like number and weight of metal, with those that shall be lent by the State.

Your Letter of the 30th Apl does not clearly express in what way the Emissions of May and Apl came into the State Treasuries. If by Taxes for the Continent, there can be no doubt but you may send, as soon as it is convenient, the several Sums in these Bills to the Continental Treasury; for the Resolves of Congress are express that they shall be received for Debts and Taxes into the continental Treasury and into the State Treasury for continental Taxes untill the first June. If they came in on any other ground than for a continental Tax, (altho not strictly within the Resolves of Congress), yet we think the state may, and we are of opinion you ought or it will be advantageous to the State, to consider them as brought

in, in that light; and when the continental Tax is actually raised you may then reimburse the State Treasuries. Congress as they have no Authority, so they never will enquire into the manner by which the State has raised her quota. If however the Emissions alluded to above, were not expressly levied for Continental Taxes, and you do not, as we conceive you may, consider them in that light, no way is open but to throw them into the Loan office, either on Loan or to be exchanged, the former of these Alternatives we do not approve of and the latter will deprive the State of the use of the money for some time. Original

Mr Harwood's power as a continental Loan Officer extends no further than to receive these Emissions either on loan or to be exchanged, we therefore think he did right in not receiving them in the way you proposed to him.

Enclosed you have Extracts of Letters from the General they were received yesterday and will be sent by the president to you, but least his Copy should miscarry, we have thought it proper to send you the one enclosed their Destination is not known.

To rescue the Troops of Burgoyne may possibly be part of their object, tho the prevailing opinion is, that their main design is further South.

We are Sir with highest Respect
and Esteem your ob^t H^ble
Serv^ts
Geo Plater
Wm Paca
John Henry

Dan of Thos Ienifer

The Board of War desire to know the Condition & Price of the Powder if they liked the latter, a Person will be sent down to examine the State of it, & close the Bargain

Wednesday 12th May 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Commissions issued to Abraham Haff appointed Major. John Compton 2^d Lieut John Johnson Ens. of Capt Keephearts Comp^y. Thomas Beatty Capt. in the room of John Adlum, Conrod Doll 1 Lieut, Nicholas Hisler 2^d Lieut, Henry Hupstadler Ens. Baltzer Gitzadanner 1 Lieut. & William Miller 2^d Lieut of Capt John Storess Comp^y belonging to the Frederick Town Battalion of Militia in Fred. County

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Nathan Harris Thirty five Pounds Eight Shillings and also the further

C. B. Sum of Thirty five Pounds Eight Shillings for the use of Richard Lawrence per Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shaw, Twenty one Pounds for the use of James Shaw per Acc^ts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Randall two hundred & Sixty six Pounds ninteen shillings and four Pence bal. of Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl and also the further Sum of Five thousand Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde Sixty two Pounds ten shillings due him for 2 M° Salary as Assistant Cl to the Council to the 5 Inst

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Robert Swails a 9 M° Sold^r in the 3^d Reg^t Discharged the am^t of Twenty one Pounds eight shillings & nine Pence in Cloathing due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to John Randall Clothier for this State 1000 pair Shoes and 350 p^r Overalls

John Randall is hereby appointed Sub or State Clothier for this State in Pursuance of and according to the Resolution of Congress of the twenty third Day of March last

Original

[President Jay to Gov. Johnson.]

Philadelphia 12th May 1779

Sir

As it is of importance that the Operations of the Enemy should be known to every State which may be particularly affected by them, I now transmit to your Excellency a copy of a Letter from General Washington respecting a late embarkation of Troops at New York. Their destination is uncertain, but it is generally supposed they are bound to the Southern part of this Continent.

I have the honor to be with Respect & Esteem,

Your Excellency's most obed^t Servant

John Jay

His Excellency Governor Johnson

Presid^t

[Washington to Jay.]

(Copy) Head quarters May 7 1779

Sir:

I do myself the honour of transmitting to your excellency the follow extract of a letter from Genl Maxwell of the 5th inst. which I rec^d last night. "My intelligence from the Enemy is,

that 4000 troops chiefly British are embarked for the West Indies or Georgia, though the latter is the most suspected. General Vaughan & Leslie are supposed to take the command. They were to embark this day, and the fleet to sail on their voyage immediately" Original

I also transmit an extract of a letter of the same date from Lt. Col° Ford on Command at Shrewsbury—" Twenty seven square rigged Vessels of the Enemy's fleet and twelve or fourteen sloops & schooners put to sea this evening. They steered a south east course till they got out of sight. By a person from New York who was a prisoner I am informed that the report there was that between 6 & 7000 troops were embarked. He sailed in company with them from New York to the watering place—saw a number of light horse on board, and that the fleet was very full of Men—that the destination was a secret, the officers appeared anxious to know—that their conjectures were various about it. Some talked of Georgia, Some of Maryland, and others of Rhode Island."

From these several accounts and the particularity with which they are related, there can be no doubt but that a body of troops have imbarked and sailed. What their number is cannot be ascertained, but even according to the lowest estimate, which from a consideration of the fleet and many other circumstances I should suppose to be as high as it possibly can be and to exceed their real amount it is formidable. I wish the West Indies may be their object, but from their having horse and other considerations it is to be feared their operations will be on our Southern continent

Your Excellency will be pleased to receive a copy of the report by the Gentlemen appointed on our part to negotiate a Cartel for the general exchange of prisoners or an agreement for a more partial relief.

I have the honor to be, with Great respect & esteem,

your Excell^y mo. obed^t serv^t

G° Washington

P. S. I have this minute rec^d a Letter from gen^l Schuyler, transmitting Minutes of proceedings in the enterprize against Onondaga, commanded by col. Van Scaick. An extract from the former and a Copy of the latter your Excellency will find inclosed.

Col° Ford's account of a fleets sailing out of the Hook is confirmed by others just come to hand. The latter make the fleet something larger, and one says, owing to a sixty-four Gun ship, which had a flag at the topmast head, not getting out, they came to an anchor in the Evening on the sea side, and were there yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. They also

Original add Gen[l] Clinton was on board himself, a circumstance mentioned by the person Col. Ford saw; this however seems very improbable.

C. B. Thursday 13th May 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Nathan Williams of the 6 Regim[t] Three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service he being appointed by Gen[l] Smallwood & having his Instructions of the 9 April for that purpose

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty Four Pounds, ten shillings for the use of Ann Mary Weller, Ten Pounds, ten shillings & five Pence for the use of Abraham Haff, Twenty three Pounds, fifteen shillings for the use of Daniel Viands and also the further Sum of Eighty nine Pounds, ninteen shillings for the use of Capt Richard Haff & his Comp[y] per Acc[ts] passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Jones, Fourteen Pounds, ten shillings for the use of John Beaver who was a 9 M[o] Sold[r] in the 3[d] Maryl[d] Regim[t] Discharged bal[a] due him in lein of Cloathing allowed by the Gen[l] Assembly in the Act to procure Troops for the American Army and also the further Sum of Twelve Pounds due himself for enlisting 2 Recruits per Certificate Allowed

That the said Treasurer pay to Clement Beall, Five Pounds for the use of Jacob Eppracht & Thirty seven Pounds, ten shillings for the use of William Davis per Accounts passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Boston Bonner a 9 M[o] Sold[r] in the 7 Regim[t] the am[t] of Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

Friday 24th May 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esquire One thousand and twelve Pounds, ten shillings to de delivered over to Thomas Richardson and to be by him expended in the Purchase of wheat, Flour & Bread

David Shaw who is represented to have been drafted from the Militia of Dorchester County to serve for the space of 9 Months, has discharged that Service on board the Chester Galley in the Service of this State & he is hereby Discharged.

[Council to S. Purviance.] C. C. p. 250

In Council Annapolis 14th May 1779

Sir.

We shall be much obliged to you to procure for us & send down by Mr Middleton's Boat, the Skipper of which will deliver you this, about 1500lb of common Bread

We are &ca

Mr Saml Purviance

[Council to S. Gilpin.]

In Council Annapolis 14th May 1779

Sir.

In Consequence of your Letter of the 4th and others similar to it, we wrote pressingly for a further Supply by the last Post and, by this, we are informed that all we want would be delivered to our Delegates this week; it is now probably on its Way and you shall be furnished to discharge your Contracts with Honor. Be pleased to let Mr Veazey know that if he wants more Money he also will be supplied. We are sorry for Mr May & Colo Thompson's Disagreement about Mr Waters's Wheat; the Law has left the Decision to the Judgment of others and we cannot therefore give any Order about it.

We are &ca

Saml Gilpin.

[Council to T. May.]

In Council Annapolis 14th May 1779

Sir.

We received your Application to Day for an Order to Colo Thompson to deliver you the Wheat purchased of Mr Waters. We are sorry that there should be any Degree of Opposition between the Persons employed by the Public to effect the same End, but Law has not given us the Power of interfering & preventing its Operation: whether the Wheat was seizable or properly seized, is left to the Judgment of the Justices, whose Opinion is and ought to be altogether independent of ours. Those Reasons, we are sure, considered, will evince to you the Propriety of our not complying with your Request.

We are &ca

Thomas May

C. C. [Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

In Council Annap^{s} 14th May 1779

Sir

The Reasons which induced us to recommend the Wheat & Flour to your Care was, an Opinion we had that you would expedite the Grinding of the Wheat, and we imagined the Transportation of the Flour to be immediately within your Province. The Shorts and Bran, we thought would be useful as Forage. The extraordinary Trouble & Expence you are at, ought to be paid for & we are willing to make you a just Allowance. The Whole is for the Use of the Continent, not a single Pound for this State and we wish that the Efforts we make, which are in Consequence of a new Duty laid on us by the Assembly and our Wish to forward the General Service, may be so heartily seconded, as that we may obtain the End, a plentiful supply for the Army. We inclose you a copy of our Letter of the 30th of April, from your not mentioning it, we suspect you have not received it: we also wrote to you the Day befor yesterday, advising you of our having received Intelligence of a Fleet being in the Bay; we have heard nothing of it since, though it seems to correspond with Intelligence received by this Day's Post from Philadelphia, of a Fleet of about that Number having sailed from New York. We think it would be prudent, not to let too much lie at the Head of Elk if, as some suppose, Virginia & Maryland should be their Objects, they may probably attempt to destroy the Stores at the Head of Elk

We are &^{ca}

Col^{o} Henry Hollingsworth

p. 251 [Council to G. Reisberg.]

In Council Annapolis 14th May 1779

Sir.

The Honble Govr Morris, by Letter of the 21st Ap^{l} desired, that the Flour purchased by this State for the use of the Army should be lodged in Stores on the Waters of this Bay under Inspection of Officers appointed by this State. That it should be at the Order of the Chairman of the Committee of Congress on the Comm^{y} & Quarter master's Departm^{ts} we have given Orders agreeable to Mr Morris's Letter and suppose from that, the Flour was not to be put into the Commissary's Hands. If it should be necessary to transport any of it to Christeen, an Order must be had from the Committee &, if the Order is small, we can answer it with Flour which lies at

the Mills between the Head of Elk & Christeen, which we C. C.
desired to be left in that Situation 'til further Order

We are &ca

Gustavus Reisberg
Dep. Com. of Issues

[Council to Board of War.]

In Council Annapolis 14th May 1779

Gent

Yesterday we recd your Secretary's Letter of the 4th Inst inclosing the Resolution of Congress of the 3d The General Assembly have not given us any particular Powers, with Respect to the Cannon belonging to this State, but, presuming that they would, on this pressing Occasion, furnish Congress with such as are not in immediate Use, we shall venture to let you have any, not exceeding ten eighteen Pounders & five Nines, on the Terms proposed, of having, the Cannon returned or to receive the full Value, at the Election of the Assembly; they all have Carriages & are at a good Landing on the Head of this River.

We are &ca

Board of War.

Saturday 15th May 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas S. Wootton Fifty nine Pounds two shillings & ten Pence, due him per Acct passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Stephen Shelmerdine of the 4th Maryld Regt Three thousand Dollars on Acct for the Recruiting Service ꝑ G Smallwood's Instrs of the 9 Apl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Bailey of the 3d Regimt Three thousand Dollars on Acct for the Recruiting Service ꝑ G Smallwoods Instns

That the said Treasurer pay to Nathan Hammond One Pound ten shillgs due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut John Bailey of the 3d Regimt Eight yds Casmire, 25 pair Overalls & 25 pair Shoes

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Stephen Shelmerdine of the 4th Regimt 8 yds white Casmire, 27 pair Shoes and 25 pair Overalls

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to James Earle Commander of the Schooner Baltimore Hero 80

C. B. Tons burthen, mounting 14 Carriage Guns, 6 Swivels, 2 Cohorns and 20 Small Arms, belonging to Ben & John Crockett, John Sterret & others of Baltimore

C. C. [Council to I. Perkins.]

In Council Annapolis 15th May 1779

Sir.

We are glad to be able to inform you that the public Wants are not likely to be so pressing as to drive us to the Necessity of giving any farther Advance on the Price; we believe the Quantity wanted, is nearly obtained. We have not yet had the Settlement of the Price of any Flour which belonged to the Purchasers, we are desirous of doing you Iustice in the Price. We wish you to contrive the Bread hither, as we may use it in the Gallies. Mr Friesby ought to be sued, if the Contract was in Writing or Earnest paid. We would not have you purchase Mr Smith's Flour nor be concerned with the very indifferent Wheat offered to you at £5..10.. Indeed the Wheat weighing only from 43 to 48 can be of very little Value and we do not want to be concerned with it.

We are &ca

Colo Isaac Perkins

[Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 16th May 1779

Sir

We just now received the inclosed Information. If the British design up the Bay, as seems likely, Balto Town must certainly be a principal Object with them. We desire you'll immediately give Notice to the Militia of your County to hold themselves in Readiness to march on the shortest Notice,
p. 252 acquainting them of the Occasion, and on your being informed of the Enemy's moving up the Bay, without further Orders from us, order one Half of your Militia to march to Baltimore and join Genl Buchanan. Fix the Classes before hand, let them carry what Arms they can, the Deficiency, we hope to supply at the Place. We shall write to you again as soon as we have further Intelligence of Consequence.

We are &ca

Richd Dallam Esqr
Lt of Harford County

[Council to A. Buchanan.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 16th May 1779

Sir

From Intelligence just now received, it is highly probable that a considerable Part of the British Force now in the Bay may be designed against this State and, if it is, Baltimore Town will, undoubtedly be a principal Object; We therefore desire you to give Notice to the Whole of the Militia of your County to hold themselves in Readiness to march at a Minutes Warning and you are to assemble them, if necessary, and Act as Occasion may require. We shall endeavour to strengthen you all, in our Power & advise you of any Circumstances as they occur, which may influence the calling the Militia out, or induce us to think it necessary

We are &ca

Andrew Buchanan Esqr
Lt of Balto County

Monday 17. May 1779 C. B.

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas Esquire, Five hundred and Forty six pounds, seventeen shillings & six Pence due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Theodore Wedderstrandt One hundred and three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence to be delivered over to Charles Blake per Acct passed by the D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Thirty seven Pounds ten Shillings on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Neary of the 1st Marylد Regimt 6 yds. Casmire for Lieut Bruce, 6 yds ditto for Lieut McPherson & 12 Coatees, 12 pr Overalls & 12 pair Shoes for the Recruits of said Regimt

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Mackettee a 9 mo Soldier in the 3d Regimt Discharged Fifteen Pounds fifteen shillings in Cloathing and also the amt of Fifteen Pounds fifteen shillings and six pence in Cloathing for the use of Leonard Mackettee a 9 mo Sold. in the same Regimt Discharged, due them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the A. Army.

Warrant was given to John Bullen to impress Teams sufficient to remove the Public Stores and Records

Ordered that Mr Thomas Harwood, Treasurer of the western shore and Commissioner of the Continental Loan

C. B. Office in this State, The Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit the Auditor General, the Register of the High Court of Chancery, the Clerk of the General Court the Keeper of the Records, of the Commissaries Office, the Register of the Land Office and the Clerk of the Council pack up in Boxes, Cases, Chests or other Packages immediately all the Money in their Hands and the Records, Books & papers belonging to their Offices respectively that the same may be carried to places of Safety on the first notice that is to say; the Money, Bookes and Papers of the Loan Office Treasury and paper Office to Henry Ridgelys in Elk Ridge the others to Upper Marlboro

C. C. [Council to J. Brice.]

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1779

Sir.

We request that you will give Orders that one Half of the South River Battalion and one Half of the Severn Battalion immediately march to Annapolis. We desire that you'll give particular Directions not to take any Militia Man who lives on the Bay Shore, on Patapsco River, below the Ferry at Dorsey's, on Severn, below your Plantation, or on South River below Brown's Plantation, formerly Lomass', it being prudent and our Intention, that those who live on & very near the Waters, where the Enemy may probably make Depredations on the Plantations, should be left at Home for the Defence & Protection of their Families & Properties. You will also give Orders that the Town Companies be assembled, armed & supplied with Ammunition and you are to direct the Officers to give the most decisive Orders to the Militia; to keep the Arms ready & in Order for Service & to preserve the Ammunition

We are &ca

James Brice Esqr
Lt of Ann Arl County

[Council to Lieutenants.]

Circular

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1779

Sir.

We inclose you the Accounts received last Night & this Morning of the Enemy's being in the Bay and having landed a Body of Men at Portsmouth in Virginia. We have nothing yet that points out their Object, perhaps they may design to
p. 253 spread Destruction as wide as they can. We request you to

give immediate Notice to the Militia of your County to prepare c. c.
& hold themselves in Readiness to march on the first Order, which you are to give, if you see it necessary. If you should be called on to assist any of the other Counties, you are to order such Part & Proportion of the Militia of your County on that Service, as you can spare and may be necessary. If there should be Occasion to call out the Eastern shore Militia, the Intercourse between us will probably be so much interrupted that we shall not be able to give Orders from Time to Time, as desirable; to prevent, as far as may be, any Inconvenience from that Circumstance, the Gen[t] on the Eastern Shore, Officers & Privates will, we hope, act with all the Vigour their strength will allow and with all possible Concert for the Protection of the Whole. We do not know how far we may be able to assist you, as far as we can, we certainly shall

To the Lieut[s] of the E. Shore Counties & to the Lieut[s] of S[t] Mary's, Charles, & Calvert with and Addition of Advising us of your Proceedings — We are &[ca]

[Council to G. P. Keeports.]

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1779

Sir.

We have sent up the Gen[l] Smallwood with 101 Barr[ls] of Pork, a Number of Arms and a few other Things which will eventually be usefully in the Defence of Balt[o] Town. We request the Favor of you to have the Pork landed and stored in Town and the Arms safely deposited for use, in case they should be necessary. You will be particularly careful that the Arms suffer no Damage in their Removal.

We are &[ca]

Cap[t] Geo. P. Keeports.

[Council to H. Ridgely.]

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1779

Sir.

It has become prudent, indeed it appears necessary in our present situation again to remove our public Offices. The Continental Loan Office, the State Treasury and the Office of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, we have directed to be removed to your House. If we had had any Opportunity, we should have previously consulted you how far it might Suit with your Convenience to have given them Room,

C. C. though we do not know any Place so convenient or where we might so probably have got them in. Presuming on your Inclination to assist the Public at such a Iuncture, we have ordered them forward, the Occasion will not permit Delay, we desire & expect to make you a reasonable Compensation

We are &ca

Henry Ridgely Esqr

C. B. Tuesday 18th May 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Gale 2 pr Shoes

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Isaac Rawlings 2 pr Shoes

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Wm Campbell 2 pr Shoes

Commissions issued to Nicholas Aldridge appointed Ens. of Capt Basil Burgesses Compy and also to Thomas Cole appointed first Lieut of Capt Charles Whites Compy belonging to the Elkridge Batt of Militia in Ann Arundel County

Whereas it is represented to this Board by Robert Buchanan Assistant Commissary of Purchases in this State that he hath now Stored in Baltimore Town a Quantity of Salt to the amount of about ten thousand Bushels purchased for the use of the Continental Army and now the property of the United States and it appearing to this Board that if the Force of the Enemy now invading the State of Virginia should as there is reason to be apprehensive of, be employed against this State the said Salt would be hazarded This Board are of opinion the said Salt ought to be removed to different places for its greater Security. Wherefore you are hereby directed and empowered to empress Boats, Shallops and other small Vessels and their Hands sufficient for the Transportation and removal of the said Salt to such places in this State on the said Robert Buchanan or the Commissary General of Purchases or such Person as shall act under him shall in this Behalf direct and all the said Vessels are to be discharged within the Time Limitted by Law.

(To Isaac Griest of Baltimore Town)

You are hereby impowered ann directed to empress any Number not exceeding ten Waggons and sufficient Horses for the same for the removal of the Continental Flour now in Baltimore Town to place in its Neighbourhood of more Security discharged such as you may impress according to

Law and impressing others in the stead of such as you shall so discharge so as to keep up the Number of ten impressed Waggons on that Service until it shall be done C. B.

(To Mr James Govane)

Ordered that John Bullen Esquire Quarter Master provide Quarters sufficient for the accommodation of Four hundred men in the City and Neighbourhood of Annapolis

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Howard Two thousand five hundred Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Wheat &ca for the Continental Army on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Benjamin Brookes of the 3d Maryld Regt one thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & charged to said Regimt

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Lilburn Williams of the 2d Regiment one thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service & charged to said Regimt

The General Assembly having resolved that the Governor and Council should select and set apart out of the Maryland Navy two Gallies and one Boat such as they should think proper for the use of this State and that they should sell and dispose of the Ship Defence and such of the other Gallies and Boats &ca the Governor & Council have thought proper to select and set apart the Galley Conqueror and the Galley Chester for the use of the State, have sold the Ship Defence & taken the other Gallies out of Commission & advertised them for Sale, Thomas Walker having been Capt of the Baltimore Galley til she was put out of Commission as mentioned before was Discharged from the Service of the State for the Cause before recited & no other.

[Council to S. Smith] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 18th May 1779

Sir.

We have just received yours of this Day. It would be a desirable Thing, merely with a View to our own Security, that the Virginia Troops on their Way to the Southward, should stay for our immediate Defence, but we are apprehensive that such a Measure might interfere with a concerted Plan in which those Troops may be designed to act an essential Part and we certainly have no Power to interfere with our p. 254
Orders. If there was an absolute Certainty of the Enemy being destined for Baltimore, we should strongly recommend to the Virginia Troops to join us in opposing the common

C. C. Enemy, but in the present uncertainty if we should do so and the Object & Operations of the Enemy should be confined to Virginia, weakning the Opposition against them by keeping back so considerable a Force would be highly censured and justly. The Offer of your Services at this Time, claims our Thanks and we have a strong Impression of their Value; we act in a limited Sphere nor is it the first Time where we have not been able to place Experience in the high Point of Authority where it might be most useful. From the Confidence we have in the Temper and disposition of those in whom the Laws have trusted the Militia, we are convinced that your Advice will be respected and in that the common Good & Safety attended to. We have no Intelligence to Day other than by Boats from a good Way below, by which we are informed, they saw nothing. Instant Notice shall be conveyed to Baltimore of any Thing interesting.

We are &ca

Colo Saml Smith.

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.]

In Council Annapolis 18th May 1779

Sir.

We sent Yesterday to Balto 101 Barrls of Pork in the General Smallwood which had just arrived from the Eastern Shore. We have Reason to suspect it is not in good Order and that, unless well attended to, it will spoil. You know every Body in Balto we shall be much obliged to you to hire proper People to overhaul & set it to rights. Mr Buchanan will, we expect, lend us Continental Salt for the Purpose, we will repay it as well as the Expence. Pray get some Body who is diligent, capable & trusty. The Pork was recommended to the Care of Capt Keeports

We are &ca

Jesse Hollingsworth.

C. B. Wednesday 19 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday. Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury Fifty Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Peter Waters Six Pounds for the use Isaac Handy & one Pound for the use of Josa Catlin per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Alexander Contee Hanson Esquire Three hundred and twelve Pounds

ten shillings due him for 4 m° Attendance, as Iudge of the General Court due 23d Inst. C. B.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to James Sullivan Twelve thousand Pounds to be applied by him in the Purchase of Flour &ca for the use of the Contl Army & accounted for

It appearing to this Board from the Deposition of Henry Bateman junr That Robert Miles of the City of Annapolis Butcher did make use of several expressions inimical to the Cause of America and that the going at Large of the said Robert Miles may be Dangerous to this State. It is therefore Ordered that the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County take the said Robert Miles and him immediately bring before this Board that he may be dealt with according to Law

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Clement Harrison Commander of the Schooner Laurens Mounting 4 Carriage Guns and 8 small Arms belonging to Stephen Steward Magruder and Compy

Commission issued to Samuel Turner appointed Register of Wills for Montgomery County in the room of Thomas Johns resigned.

Robert Miles being brought before this Board on the Warrant issued against him this Day is committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County for further Examination and it is ordered that the said Sheriff summon Henry Bateman Senr of Ann Arundel County to be and appear before this Board immediately to Testify against the said Robert Miles

Commission issued to John Deavor appd Capt in the room of Wm Gailbreath, Henry McBride 1 Lieut, Joseph Gatro 2d Lieut, Thomas Knot Ens, George Sewall Douglass Capt. in the room of Willm Richardson, William Forepaugh 1 Lieut, Andrew Wilson 2d Lieut, Charles Carbine Ensign John Smith Capt in the room of Elam Bailey, John Lewis 1 Lieut, John Coale 2d Lieut, Nathaniel Wilson Ens, Caleb Shields 1 Lieut, John Cannon 2d Lieut, Benjamin Hunt Ens. of Capt. Brit. Dickinsons C°, Joseph Miller 2d Lieut, John Caldwell Ens. of Capt. Merryman's Compy belonging to the Baltimore Town Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

[Council to J. Sullivane.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 19th May 1779.

Sir.

We inclose an Order for twelve thousand Pounds to pay for the Flour you mention in yours of the 17th. Our Treasury here cannot afford at present, the Advance of such a Sum, so that we could not send you the Cash by Mr Stevens. You do

C. C. not mention the Price at which you expect the Flour, nor where it lies; Mr Stevens says he believes that it is at the Head of Hunting Creek; if you buy it, we wish to continue there 'til further Orders. We believe the Quantity wanted will be made up, at all Events, we would not have you exceed £20 p Ct as much less as you can agree for. We are desired to return a General Account by the first Day of next Month to enable us to do it, mention to us as soon as possible, the exact Quantity you agree for, where it is and the Price. It must be ready by the 5th June as by that Time it may, perhaps, be wanted and ordered to be removed. You will consider this Purchase as closing your Commission

We are &ca

James Sullivane Esqr

[Council to W. Hemsley.]

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In Council Annapolis 19th May 1779

Sir.

We have just received your Letter of Yesterday. Our Situation is such that we are not able to furnish Arms but by sending Part of the Few, by much too few, we design for the Defence of Baltimore Town & this Place Objects which the Enemy must certainly have in View, if they came with any Force up the Bay, in Preference to any other Parts of the State. We see by Colo Bordley's Return of Arms he sent 15th Apl 1778, by Capt Weeks, 50 Musquets with Bayonets, & 50 without, your Return is much short of that Number. We have heard nothing of the Enemy's Movements since the 10th Inst when they took Portsmouth; we have had Vessels up which left Tangiers yesterday Morning, they saw nothing in the Bay; from their not coming up with so fair a wind as they were favored with, we are in Hopes they do not intend it. We shall be careful to communicate any Thing interesting as soon as we hear of it. By the first of June we are desired to make a Return of the Flour &ca purchased and where it lies. We believe the Quantity demanded is procured and therefore wish you and Colo Thompson, who be pleased to advise of it, to stop purchasing and, with all Expedition, furnish us with the State of your Purchases, that we may make the General Return as requested. We hourly expect to receive Money to settle all the Accounts our Treasuries will not bear further Advances

We are &ca

Colo Wm Hemsley.

[Council to J. Barnaby.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 19th May 1779

Sir.

By Colº Rumsey's Return of Arms &ca 3d Inst there remained in your Hands belonging to the Public, 25 Boxes & a few loose Arms Amº 500 Stand of which 100 without Bayonets, 300 Gun Slings, 500 Cartouch Boxes, 250 Canteens, about 1500 Gun Flints. The Gun Flints we would have you retain & deliver to Colº Rumsey or his Order; the rest of the Articles, we desire, you will deliver to the Order of Andrew Buchanan Esqr immediately on your Receipt of this

We are &ca

Mr Jnº Barnaby
Head of Elk

[Council to A. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 19th May 1779

Sir.

We received yours to Day of Yesterday's Date. We have not received any Thing further interesting. If there should be a real Occasion for the Militia to act, the Enemy will, we hope, give us Time to advise you of the Necessity so that you may collect them. Experience shews us that Men who are drawn from their Occupations, soon grow disgusted & uneasy and of Course, are not so alert as when just called together. We have two Boats out, besides Capt Harrison from Baltº and think the Enemy can make no Movement up the Bay but what we shall have early Intelligence of. We do not know whether you have concerted any Plan to give instant Notice to the People to assemble but wou'd submit to your Judgment, the Propriety of it: might not two or three Pieces of small Cannon, lodged at different Places some Distance back and fired on Orders, be a proper Signal to rendesvouz at Town? If you think it would facilitate the Collection of the Militia, call on Majr Smith for two or three Pieces that would be the least useful in the Defence of the Town. We ordered a Ton of Lead up in the General Smallwood and one Half the Arms we had; Mr Lee says you had Information that about 100 wt of Lead was in the Vessel Mr Shaw says he had neither Convenience or Time to weigh it, but he is satisfied there went more than 1500lb he thinks near 2000, however Sir, if you think the Shot you mention may be useful, purchase it, if you approve the Price, take it & have it valued. By Capt Keeport's Return the 14th March, there were then remaining 499 Musquets, 742 Canteens, 3132 Musquet Cartridges, we do not know of any delivered out since, except a few Musquets & Cartridges to

C. C. the Marines who went down in the Conqueror and which were to be returned; we flattered ourselves that a much greater Proportion were in good Order. About a twelvemonth ago, we sent a good many Arms to the Head of Elk to guard the Stores there, very few have been returned. By Col. Rumsey's Return 3d May there was in the Hands of Mr John Barnaby at the Head of Elk "25 Boxes & a few loose Arms, amo 500 Stand, 100 of which have not Bayonets, 300 Gun Slings, 500 Cartouch Boxes & 250 Canteens;" we inclose you an Order and wish you to send for them; we would send ourselves, but it is not in our Power, if you send, let it be by a Man in whom you can confide for his Prudence as well as other good Qualities, and direct him to be cautious. We shall be obliged to you to put Things in such a Way that the Cartridges wanted may be made up & in such a manner as to be suitable; we indeed have no Body that we can send Orders to in this Matter, Capt Keeports having declined to act for the Salary we could allow him, but from every Thing that has past, we believe, he is not only very capable of conducting that Business but that on such an Occasion, he would chearfully do every Thing in his Power to promote it

We are &ca

Andw Buchanan Esqr
Lt Balto County

C. B. Thursday 20 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Murrow One hundred and Eighty one Pounds, seventeen shillings & six pence due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Wright Twenty two Pounds, eight shillings per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

The Lieut of Ann Arundel County is requested to give the proper Orders for the immediate Assembling at Annapolis such parts of the South River & Severn Battalions as have been before ordered to hold themselves in readiness

C. C. [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1779

Gent

We have not had any certain late Intelligence from Virginia; the same express which carried Letters to Congress, brought

Letters from Govr Henry dated 11th & 12th Ins^t which gave C. C.
us the same Information, doubtless, that he communicated to Congress. We have not been, however, without several flying Reports, how far can they be depended on, we do not know; if the most probable are true, they have 2 Hessian Brigades & a Number of Tories & Refugees, commanded by Kniphausen, they have burnt Portsmouth & Suffolk & were on their way to South Quay, they have got a great Number of Negroes & have behaved with great Cruelty. It is conjectured in Virginia that they design to visit this Place & Balt^o as soon as the work is done or they are drove off in Virginia. We imagine the Head of Elk is as much an Object as either p. 257
Balt^o or Annapolis In our situation where nothing is wanted in all Probability to secure us against 2500 Men but Arms, we cannot but remember how we have stripped ourselves of our Arms for the Support of the common Cause and the little Attention that has been paid to our Request to return them; it may be too late for this Occasion or perhaps not. If it is possible to get a Return of our Arms or any of them, pray do so and send them to the Head of Elk with all Expedition; we had some Arms in that Neighbourhood, but have ordered them to Baltimore and unless some Assistance is given by the Congress, little can be done by the neighbouring Militia without Arms, if there should be an Attempt against the Head of Elk, tho' we hope chief of the Continental Stores will have been removed from thence. Could not Genl Gist be spared from Camp^r our Militia have a Confidence in him, he would be very useful. He would lie in his own Neighborhood, acquainted with every Man & every Foot of Ground, if you can, send him to us. We much want the Money to pay for the Flour &^ca purchased for Congress, our Treasury is in Advance and poor. We shall want money if we are obliged to defend ourselves

We are &^ca

Delegates in Congress

[Council to R. Johns.]

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1779

Sir.

We hope the Quantity of Flour wanted is fully or very nearly procured; we have desired the Purchasers, where Quantities were to be had to close their Accounts up to this Day and wish not to concern with the small Quantity of Wheat you mention

We are &^ca

Mr Richard Johns

c. c. [Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

Annapolis 20th May 1779

Sir

We have nothing certain from Virginia lately; from flying Reports the Enemy have burnt Portsmouth and Suffolk and were on their march to South Quay, that they had destroyed Stores to great Value and it is conjectured that they design to visit this State. There certainly is good Ground to induce your utmost Efforts for the Removal of the Stores. I hope the Notice you have already had has had its Weight and that if they should go to the Head of Elk they'll find little but Knocks

We are &ca

Colo Henry Hollingsworth

[Council to C. Birckhead.]

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1779

Sir.

We have not Cartridge Boxes & Kettles or Pots. If we have an Opportunity we shall send you Flints & Cartridge Paper. We cannot possibly spare any more Arms, the Number we have is very deficient for the Places most likely to be attacked

We are &ca

Colo Christopher Birkhead.

p. 258 [Council to A. Buchanan.]

In Council 20th May 1779

Sir

We wrote you yesterday. Mr Martin took the Letter up this Morning since which we received yours of yesterday. We had some Expectation that an Essay was made to make Cartouch & Bayonet Belts of plaited Hemp. but we have not Time now to consult the most Signal Methods: we request you'll give Orders to have the Bayonet Belts made on the best Terms you can. We hear a Boat has gone up from Hampton she was spoke by Capt Rogers but he could not hear distinctly; we suppose she carries you later Intelligence than we have received. By Major Smith's Return 6th March he had at the Fort 14 spare Musquets & 13 spare Bayonets, a small Number, but worth looking out.

We are &ca

Andw Buchanan Esqr
Lt of Balto County

[Council to S. Purviance.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1779

Sir.

In yours of the 17th you mention that salt Provisions may be had in Balto for the Conqueror, on returning it or paying for it. We imagine that what was sent down in the Boat and returned would serve for some Time, it had best be so applied and if more is wanted that it had best be furnished out of that sent up in the Smallwood. The Officers you mention in yours of Yesterday are very agreeable to us. The Independence wants a good Deal done to her to fit her for a Cruise; the Men we have are at present, divided between her and the Chester; they, in Concert with our Fort might be useful against Vessels, the same End would be answered to you by the Baltimore & Johnson, they are gunned, we have them ready to send up to Indian Landing with Pork and some other Articles, but if you can get a Force to use them as Batteries, Baltimore Town may have them for that Purpose. If Men can be engaged to carry up the Balto & Johnson and act in them in Case it should become necessary we will on this Occasion draw their Pay for the little Time they can be wanted, out of the Treasury & risk the Assembly's Approbation of our Conduct. The Stores proposed by Capt Nicholson appear reasonable to us, we wish you to lay in exactly the same for the Chester, except the Meat which we can furnish here.

We are &ca

Saml Purviance

[Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1779

Sir.

From late Information, it is highly probable that the Enemy design to attack Baltimore Town, you are therefore hereby empowered & required to march immediately to that Place as many of the Militia of your County as you can arm, under proper Officers, to join the Militia assembling there and to act with them under Genl Buchanan. You will exert yourself to get the Militia down as quick as possible, no Time ought to be lost, to expedite the Business, you would do well to send p. 259
the Men off without waiting to march in Companies. You are not expected to go down in Person

We are &ca

Richd Dallam Esqr
Lt of Harford County

C. C. [Council to James Brice.]

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1779

Sir.

You are requested to issue Orders for such of the Militia of the Elk Ridge Battalion who have Arms or can be armed to repair immediately to Baltimore Town and join the Militia assembling there, to act under Lieut of Baltimore County, against the Enemy

We are &ca

James Brice Esqr
Lt of Ann Arll County

[Council to A. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1779

Sir.

The Conduct & Situation of the Enemy, invading Virginia, render highly probable the Account of the Deserter mentioned in Joseph Whites Deposition; "that they intend to attack Baltimore Town." You are therefore hereby empowered to assemble the Militia of your County and endeavour by all Means to repel the Enemy. The inclosed Letter to Colo Dallam contains Orders to march immediately to Baltimore, as many of the Militia of his County as he can arm. The Pork sent up in the Genl Smallwood & the Flour purchased by Mr Govane, we would have applied to the Subsistance of the Militia you will be pleased to direct it to be placed in a safe and convenient Situation. Neither of the Lookout Boats have yet come in. Pray forward Colo Dallam's Letter

We are &ca

Andw Buchanan Esq
Lt of Balto County

C. B. Friday 21 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that western shore Treasurer pay to William Hyde Two hundred and eighty five Pounds for the use of John Johnson per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Kent Twenty five Pounds for the use of William Hargadine per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

Ordered that the Armourer deliver to John Chever 1000 Gun Flints & 10 quire Cartridge Paper to be delivered over to Christo Birkhead Esqr Lieut of Talbot County

Robert Miles being brought before this Board in Custody of the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County and the Deposition of Henry Bateman Senr taken in his Presence and the said Robert Miles examined touching the Matter therein contained. This Board do adjudge that they have good Grounds to believe that the going at Large of the said Robert Miles may be dangerous to this State, the State of Virginia being actually invaded by the Enemy. Wherefore the said Robert Miles is hereby committed to the Public Goal in the City of Annapolis to be there Kept in the Custody of the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County there to remain until he shall be discharged therefrom according to Law. C. B.

[Council to V. Downes.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 21st May 1779

Sir.

We have been informed that one Ann Larley al's Letherby, was convicted in Queen Ann's County Court about four Years ago for the Murder of her Bastard Child; we have desired the Record of her Conviction to be sent to us & requested that the Opinion of the Court might be transmitted to us on the Propriety of pardoning her, but have not, as we can find or recollect been furnished with either. We request you will send us the Record of the conviction

We are &^ca

Vachel Downes Esqr
Clerk of Queen Ann's County

[Council to J. Thompson.]

In Council Annapolis 21st May 1779

Sir.

By a Letter from our Delegates, by this Post, we may expect in a few Days, Money sufficient to pay off, for the Wheat & Flour purchased for the Congress; our Treasury will not at present bear a farther Advance; you shall be supplied as soon as the Cash reaches us. Be pleased to send us, as soon as you can, an exact Account of your Purchase and where it lies, as we may be able to make our general Return as desired; at farthest by the first of next Month; we expect to furnish you with the Money in three or four Days. We believe you may venture to close your Purchase immediately, as our Affairs are in such a Situation as to render our procuring the Quantity desired beyond a Doubt p. 260

We are &^ca

Col. John Thompson

C. B. Saturday 22d May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esq. Four hundred and Sixteen Pounds, thirteen shillings and four Pence for two months allowance as Governor due the 9 Instant

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Edward Gale Sixty Eight Pounds, five shillings due himself & Sundries p Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjt Lamb 3 pr Shoes for 1st Regt

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Francis Gain a 9 mo Soldier in 6 Regt & reinlisted in the 5th Regt the amt of Four Pounds, fourteen shillings in Cloathing and one Blanket due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

Commission issued to Francis Cromwell appointed Capt in the room of Joseph McCubbin resigned, Caleb Hazle 1 Lieut, Charles Roboson 2d Lieut in the Severn Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County

C. C. [Council to W. Richardson.]

In Council Annapolis 22d May 1779

Sir.

We are apprehensive a good Deal of the Pork sent over by the General Smallwood, will be lost; great Care & Management will be necessary to preserve it; we request you will have what is left with you overhauled & put in the best Order possible, It is uncertain when we send for it, and if we could immediately, we should not be able, whilst Things are in their present Circumstances, to get People here to do the necessary Work to it

We are &ca

Colo Wm Richardson

[Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 22d May 1779

Sir.

By a Letter received from Mr G. Morris, he agrees that your Purchase before your Appointment under this State should be reckoned in Part of the 10000 Barrls He intimates that the Settlement for that Flour &ca will be left to us. We hourly expect that we shall receive Money to adjust your

Affairs, being advised by Letters from our Delegates last Tuesday that it was obtained & would be sent as soon as possible under Guard. We would have the Wheat ground up as soon as may be and the Flour lie 'til further Orders. We believe the Quantity wanted is procured and would not have you make further Purchases. The six Hundred Barr[ls] in Kent, we reckon in & hope that it will not be lost by Col[o] Henry's and your differing in Opinion about it. Would it not be well to send over some Body and have the Point settled? C. C.

We are &[ca]

Richard Dallam Esq[r]

[Washington to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Circular

Head Quarters Middle Brook 22[d] May 1779

Sir,

The situation of our affairs at this period appears to me peculiarly critical, and this I flatter myself will apologise for that anxiety which impels me to take the liberty of addressing you on the present occasion.

The State of the army in particular is alarming on several accounts that of its numbers is not among the least. Our battalions are exceedingly reduced, not only from the natural decay incident to the best composed armies; but from the expiration of the term of service for which a large proportion of the men were engaged. The measures hitherto taken to replace them so far as has come to my knowledge have been attended with very partial success; and I am ignorant of any others in contemplation that afford a better prospect. A reinforcement expected from Virginia, consisting of new levies and reinlisted men is necessarily ordered to the Southward.

Not far short of one third of our whole force must be detached on a service undertaken by the direction of Congress and essential in itself. I shall only say of what remains, that when it is compared with the force of the enemy now actually at New York and Rhode Island, with the addition of the succours, they will in all probability receive from England, at the lowest computation it will be found to justify very serious apprehensions and to demand the zealous attention of the different legislatures

When we consider the rapid decline of our currency the general temper of the times the disaffection of a great part of the people, the lethargy that overspreads the rest, the increasing danger to the Southern States we cannot but dread the consequences of any misfortune in this quarter; and must

Original feel the impolicy of trusting our security to a want of activity and enterprise in the enemy.

An expectation of peace and an opinion of the Enemy's inability to send more troops to this country, I fear, have had too powerful an influence in our affairs. I have never heard any thing conclusive to authorise the former, and present appearances are in my opinion against it. The accounts we receive from Europe uniformly announce vigorous preparations to continue the war, at least another campaign. The debates and proceedings in Parliament wear this complexion. The public papers speak confidently of large reinforcements destined for America. The minister in his speech asserts positively that reinforcements will be sent over to Sir Henry Clinton; though he acknowledges the future plan of the war will be less extensive than the past. Let it be supposed, that the intended succours will not exceed five thousand men. This will give the enemy a superiority very dangerous to our safety, if their strength be properly exerted, and our situation is not materially altered for the better.

These considerations and many more that might be suggested point to the necessity of immediate and decisive exertions to complete our battalions and to make our military force more respectable. I thought it my duty to give an idea of its true state and to urge the attention of the States to a matter in which their safety and happiness are so deeply interested. I hope a concern for the public good will be admitted as the motive and excuse of my importunity.

There is one point which I beg leave to mention also. The want of system, which has prevailed in the clothiers department has been the source of innumerable evils, defective supplies, irregular and unequal issues great waste loss and expence to the public general dissatisfaction in the army, much confusion and perplexity, an additional load of business to the officers commanding make but a part of them. I have for a long time past most ardently desired to see a reformation.

Congress by a resolve of the 23^{d} of March has established an ordinance for regulating this department. According to this, there is a sub or State Clothier to be appointed by each State. I know not what instructions may have been given relative to these appointments; but, if the matter now rests with the particular States, I take the liberty to press their execution without loss of time. The Service suffers amazingly from the disorder in this department, and the regulations for it cannot be too soon carried into effect.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect & esteem

Y^{r} Excellency's Most obe^{t} hum. Servt

G^{o} Washington

Monday 24 May 1779 C. B.

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Fourteen Pounds Eleven shillings and Eight Pence as Messenger to the Governor & Council to the 23d Inst. & also the further Sum of Eight Pounds per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Eighty two Pounds ten shillings Bala of Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. John Hardman of the 2d Regimt Three thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service, he being appointed and having Genl Smallwoods Instructions of the 9th April for that purpose.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Hardman seventy two Pounds for the use of William Veazey 3d due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson junr out of the money sent by Congress for the purchase of Wheat & flour, Forty thousand Pounds to be sent and charged to Samuel Gilpin of Cecil County & to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to William Merrit, Thirty thousand Pounds to be by him delivered over to Colo William Henry to be expended in the Purchase of Wheat and Flour and Accounted for

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Como Thomas Grason seven hundred and seventy four Pounds seven shillings and six pence on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Joshua Beall Forty two Pounds, Eleven shillings and three pence and also the further Sum of Twenty six Pounds, Eleven shillings and three pence due him per Accounts passed by the Depy Aud

That the Armourer deliver to Richard Bryan 300 lbs Lead, & 500 Gun flints to be delivered over to Henry Hooper Lieut of Dorchester County for the use of said County

The Militia of Colo Weems and Colo Robinsons Battalions ordered to Annapolis having as represented to this Board by their Officers, shewed such a strong Desire to be discharged that there is too much Reason to belive that many of them will go to their Homes without if they do not obtain Permission some of them having already gone without Leave. This Board think it more advisable to discharge them for the present especially as they have no late Intelligence from whence it may be collected that the Enemy design up the Bay immediately if at all, And it is accordingly ordered that the said Militia be discharged for the present and proper Signals fixt and agreed on for their reassembling again at Annapolis

C. B. in Case of Alarm depositing before they depart the Arms &ca delivered to them

Commissions issued Trueman Skinner appd Lieut Colo John Dyer 2d Lieut. Richd Clagett Ens. of Capt. Hezekiah Wheelers Co Nicholas Miles 2d Lieut, Nicholas Brookes Ens. of Capt. Henry Hill junr Co John H. Beanes Capt. in the room of Robert Bowie Robert Baden 1 Lieut, Thomas Hoye 2d Lieut, Elextious Boone Ens. Benjamin Wales Capt. in the room of John Perry, Moses Orme 1 Lieut, Edward Lloyd Wailes 2d Lieut, William Grindle Ens. and Thomas Gautt junr 1 Lieut of Capt Alexr Howard McGuden Co belonging to the Lower Batt of Militia in Prince Georges County also to Josias Shaw Capt. in the room of Joseph Carlton, William Moore 1 Lieut, Thomas Boyd junr 2d Lieut, Richard Cramphin Ens. Thomas Beall Capt. in the room of Thos Richardson Isaac Walker 1 Lieut, John Crow 2d Lieut, Richard Walker Ens. Jacob Duvall 1 Lieut, Thomas Lyles 2d Lieut, Mordecai Jacobs Ens. of Capt. Marsh M. Duvall's Co. Joseph Jones Capt. in the room of Henderson Magruder, Basil Belt 1 Lieut, Richard Lyles 2d Lieut, & Josiah Belt Ens. belonging to the Upper Batt of Militia in Prince Georges County and also to Joseph White Clagget Captain in the room of Humphry Belt, William Nicholls 1 Lieut, Edward Lanham Capt. in the room of John Cassey, Anthony Hardy 1 Lieut Richd Claxon 2 Lieut, Nathaniel Wilson junr Ens and John Tinnerly 2 Lieut of Capt. Michl Lower Co. in the Middle Batt of Militia in Prince Georges County

C. C. [Council to H. Hooper.]

In Council Annapolis 24th May 1779

Sir

We have ordered you by Mr Bryan 300lb Lead & 500 Flints; we cannot well spare any Powder from hence, having sent away all but what may eventually be necessary, and, considering that Baltimore would be the first Object, we have sent our Arms thither except about 600 Stand which we have kept here; the second Object, doubtless, of the Enemy, which may secure us against an Attack by a small Force only. We see by your Return 13th March, you had 3 Half Barrls & 5 Quarter Casks of good Musquet Powder & 165 good Musquets; these, with the common Guns in the Hands of the People, we hope will be fully sufficient against any little Parties which may land on your Shores and we cannot think its probable that you will have a more formidable Force to encounter

We are &ca

Henry Hooper Esqr
Lt of Dorchester County

[Council to R. Buchanan.] C. C. p. 261

In Council 24th May 1779

Sir.

We yesterday received a Letter from the Board of War dated the 19th requesting our Attention to the Removal of the Continental Stores: we do not know of any which may probably be in Danger from their Quantity and situation except those at the Head of Elk which we hope are nearly removed and the Salt & Flour at Baltimore. From what we hear, your Flour is chiefly removed; as to the Salt, we do not know what better can be done with it than to run it in Shallops & Boats, as agreed on when you was here, to Chester, Susquehanna and the Boats of the least Draft, to Joppa and there store it. We understand some of the Salt has been sent to the Head of Elk to be forwarded to Philadelphia, but, unless the Carriage can be performed by the Continental Waggons, we would not advise sending it to the Head of Elk, for we cannot agree to press the Farmers Waggons for that Purpose, the Neighbourhood must be worn down already

We are &ca

Robt Buchanan Esqr

[Council to S. Gilpin.]

In Council Annapolis 24th May 1779

Sir.

In your Return of Flour, you mention your having 874 Barrls three Miles from Elk Landing. We have had no particular Orders, with respect to the Disposition of the Flour, it was to wait the Direction of the Committee on the Commy & Quartermaster's Departmts but we think such a Quantity of Flour so near the Head of Elk, is not in so safe a Situation as desirable therefore we request you'll call on Colo Hollingsworth for Teams & have it removed to Christeen that it may be forwarded to Philadelphia from thence. If you can purchase 500, or 1000 Barrls of Flour more, in a Safe Situation, not exceeding 18£ do so, if you cannot at that Price, stop your Purchase, we have secured the Quantity desired. By Mr Hardman we send you 40,000 Pounds to be applied to your Purchase. We are &ca

Saml Gilpin.

[Council to J. Calhoun.]

In Council Annapolis 25th May 1779

Sir.

We write by this Opportunity to Mr Buchanan, our Sentiments, with respect to the Salt. Colo Hollingsworth has not

c. c. advised us of the strength of his Teams or the Forwardness he is in, in the Removal of the Stores, we have advised it from the first and frequently repeated it. We think, in good Boats & careful Hands, the Arms might be sent safely by Water to Alexandria, they ought to call here and a Look out Boat, & better two, if we can muster them, should be sent at least fifteen miles ahead, with Directions to run up Patuxent, here or Patapsco, on a Signal agreed on. We would prefer this Mode as endangering much less, the Breaking of the Arms, its being more expeditious and if absolutely necessary, giving us a Chance of using them ourselves. Miller may not get up so soon as this, we inclose you the Information he gives to Sir &ca

James Calhoun Esqr

p. 262 [Council to G. P. Keeports.]

In Council Annapolis 24th May 1779

Sir.

We wrote to Genl Buchanan to send to the Head of Elk for some Arms which we hope are arrived with you; if not, a very careful Hand in a Boat must be sent up immediately for them. Genl Buchanan had the Order & Acct of Particulars, they are to be delivered to his Order and all other Arms & Accoutriments you have. Please to let Lieut Judah have 15 Barrls of the Pork sent by the Genl Smallwood and note the Parcels of Lead you received by her, which, we had Reason to think was more than you mention. We are &ca

Capt Geo. P. Keeports.

In Council Annapolis 24th May 1779

Sir.

The inclosed to Col. Bruce is left open for your Perusal, which please to forward to him by a safe Hand & give him the earliest Intelligence possible, if the Enemy move up the Bay, that he may act according to the Directions given him

We are &ca

T. S. Lee

Andw Buchanan Esqr
Lt Baltº County

[Council to N. Bruce.]

In Council Annapolis 24th May 1779

Sir

The Intentions of the Enemy are very uncertain; Reports seem pretty well to agree that they are about 3000 strong; we

hear to Day by a Man from Virginia that the Enemy are making Works at the Great Bridge; if true, it looks as if they did not intend to leave us soon, or be up immediately. We wish to give Orders for as many of the Militia, the nearest to Baltimore, as you can arm, to hold themselves in Readiness to march to Baltimore Town immediately on notice and you are to give Orders for their March on Gen[l] Buchanan's Request without waiting for Directions from us. The 150 Arms & Accoutriments sent from Balt[e] to you last Spring, we imagine, are at Frederick Town and in good Order: those and any other that are there fit for use, we request you to send for immediately and have them lodged at your House or where else you may think more convenient, for arming the Militia as they collect; if there's a Place more towards Baltimore where they would be taken Care of, it would be better C. C.

We are &[ca]

Normand Bruce Esq[r]
L[t] of Frederick County

[Council to W. Henry.]

In Council Annapolis 24th May 1779

Sir.

M[r] William Merrit will deliver to you 30,000£ according to your Request. We would not wish you to increase your Purchase; the Quantity mentioned in your Estimate is fully sufficient. The Flour, Shorts & Bran should not be within Reach of the Enemy, by Water, as they are still in the Bay, and though we have no Reason to believe, from their late Movements, they are destined higher up, yet too much Caution cannot be used to secure Provision of this Kind, you'll therefore let it remain at the Mills

We are &[ca]

Col[o] William Henry

[Jenifer to Gov. Johnson] Original

Philadelphia May 24th 1779.

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of your Excellencys favor of the 21st Congress have not received any later intelligence than what you have communicated, which I am really surprised at, considering the distress that the inhabitants of the Lower part of Virg[a] must be in.

I am too sensible, not to feel the force of your observation respecting Censure many are ready to find fault after events

Original happen, that contribute very little towards preventing misfortunes. We have perhaps been over generous in assisting the Continent the day may come when past Service will be forgotten nay it is at hand however, we have the pleasure of reflecting, that if we have erred, it has been from motives both honorable and laudable. It appears to me if an attack is made on Annapolis with considerable Force, that it cannot be defended. Baltimore perhaps may, as there will be time for the back people to come to its aid.

Your express arrived, I am told at this place on Saturday night. I did not know till a few hours ago that he waited for an Answer the Delegates from Maryland sent off a Continental rider to General Washington Yesterday morning being Sunday with Your Excellencys Letter, & pressed him to send General Guest to command the Maryland Militia with any other Officers, or assistance that he might think proper to afford our State. I expect that the rider will return time enough for us to write you by the Post what may be expected from that Quarter.

Congress have but 602 stand of Arms at this place & those not fit for immediate use. The board of War is directed to get them repaired & to deliver them to our Order it will take some days before this can be done but you may depend they shall be forwarded with all possible dispatch. The Americans are the most supine people in the Universe, they seldom see danger till it is past if we are not roused from our Lethargy we shall be undone. Arms Amunition &c all go to the Northern States. 15000 Continental Plunkets are lately arrived in their Ports. I see very plainly, that the Southern States will be obliged to Shift for themselves. We got our Instructions from the Genl Assembly Entered on the Journals last friday, they are said to be well drawn by good Judges and I hope will have weight, several causes seem to conspire to engage greater attention to be paid to our declarations than we have hitherto experienced. Connecticut is now I am told by Sharman disposed to allow Congress to settle the dispute about the Back lands. That State has empowered its Delegates to confederate with the other States, but on the express Condition that Maryland shall have the power at any time hereafter to accede to the confederation on equal terms with the other States. The 800000 dollars were sent off last Monday, and I hope are before this come to hand safe

The great Dominion of Virga surely can repel 2000 Men. More than that number were not embarked at New York. Speculation here has arrived to such a height, and prices in three weeks encreased 100 p Ct. This has made those Vermins the Speculators become the object of resentment,

and a Mob has assembled to regulate prices what will be the issue God knows they are now parading if they have a head I believe this business will be of service, if they have not one, they will soon disperse as all tumultuous assemblys have done, that have not had a leader; enclosed you have a Copy of one of their printed hand bills. Congress have this day resolved to retaliate on the Enemy as well for murders committed on French Subjects as those on the Subjects of the United States Original

Tuesday 25 May 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Lloyd Esqr Five hundred and sixty one Pounds for his Attendance in Council

[Council to W. Bordley.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 25th May 1779

Sir

We have ordered three Barr^{ls} of Musquet Powder of about 60^{lb} each to be sent over to you & lodged at Hodgs's. Our Stock of Musquet Cartridge Paper will not allow a further Supply of that Article. We have but three make Shift Field Pieces here, fitted in any Manner for Use. We think you judge right in not filling your Cartridges 'til it appears necessary, we having lately had no Intelligence which can be relied on; the last Report is, that the Enemy are fortifying, at the Great Bridge, that their Force was about 3000. It is highly probable that the Disaffected in several Parts of the State, correspond with the Enemy; if there's good Ground to suspect any Individual being dangerous, we should, immediately on its being made out by Affidavits, exert the extraordinary Power lodged in us by the Legislature

We are &^{ca}

Wm Bordley Esqr
L^{t} of Kent County

[Washington to Council.] Original

Head Quarters Middle
Brook 25th May 1779

Gentlemen,

I had the honor last night to receive your favor of the 23^{d} Ins^{t}

In compliance with the wishes of His Excellency the Governor, which you have been pleased to communicate, I have

Original requested General Gist to repair to Maryland as soon as he can, tho his service with the army is now material, and from the train of Intelligence I have received from New York for some days past, it may become still more essential. I am sorry that I cannot spare any officers besides him. And as to a detachment of troops, I have to lament with you, that the circumstances of the Army will not admit of any; and what is yet more painful, they would not, even if events of a more pressing nature than any that have arisen, were to take place, if the enemy should continue their present force at New York and its dependencies. We have not a very large detachment, compared with our whole strength, employed in the expedition under General Sullivan and besides this the operations of the enemy in Georgia and South Carolina have prevented us from receiving any aid here from the Virginia Levies and Recruits. It is my first wish and it shall be my first care to render the States collectively and individually every service in my power; but unfortunately, the present means in our hands are far, very far from being proportioned to the exigency of the times. We are now almost arrived at the end of May and as yet the army, although it has suffered a severe diminution in the course of the last fall & spring, by the expiration of the inlistments and time of service of many of the Troops and drafts, has received no accession of force, except the Virginia levies and some from New York. The state of it before was not over respectable and would justify but little more in general cases than defensive measures; but at present the most we can hope for after the detachments already made is to preserve the remainder, by keeping it tolerably well united at one or two important points. To divide it more would be to expose it to eminent risk.

I have the honor to be
with sentiments of great respect
& regard
Gentlemen
Y^r most obet Servant
G^o Washington

P. S. It will conduce much to dispatch, in assembling the militia if proper signals could be placed throughout the State to convey an alarm with rapidity on any emergency.

C. B. Wednesday 26th May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Mr John Lynn of Montgomery County was recommended to the Board of War for an Appointment as Ensign in the 6th Maryland Regim^t

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Lynn Five thousand Pound out of the Money sent by Congress to be by him delivered over to Richard Brooke to be expended in the Purchase of Wheat & Flour and Accounted for C. B.

This Board on Enquiry into the Circumstances of Samuel Carter's Inlistment into the Matross Service of this State are Unanimously of opinion that the said Inlistment is good and valid and ought to be binding on the said Samuel Carter agreeable to the Resolve of the Convention for raising Matroses for the Service of this State

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western shore deposit in the Hands of the Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office in this State, all the Continental Bills of Credit of the Emissions of May 1777 and April 1778 which are in his Hands as Treasurer, belonging to this State and that he take three Certificates of nearly equal Sums making up in the whole the amount of those Bills of Credit to exchange the same for this State according to the Resolutions of Congress

The like Order to the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit.

[Council to Board of War.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 26th May 1779

Gent

Mr John Lynn of Montgomery County in this State being satisfactorily recommended to us for an Ensignsy in the sixth Maryland Regiment; we request that he may be commissioned accordingly

We are &ca

Board of War

[Council to R. Brooke.]

In Council Annapolis 26th May 1779

Sir.

We send you by Mr John Lynn 5000£ to discharge your Contracts. The Quantity of Flour requested is made up or nearly so; pray send us an exact Account of your Purchase and have it manufactured and stored at George Town as soon as may be. A General Account is desired of us by the first of next Month; you'll please to stop purchasing.

We are &ca

Majr Richd Brooke
Montgomy County

C. C. [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 26th May 1779

Gent

By the Resolution of Congress 16th Septr 1776, the Appointment of all officers and filling up Vacancies (except General Officers) was left to the Governments of the several States. 31st Decemr 1777, the Congress recommended to the Governments of the several States to suspend filling up any Vacancies in their respective Regiments until they should hear farther from Congress on the Subject. We have not yet heard farther from Congress on the Subject though doubtless many Vacancies in the State Regiments have been filled up since the 31st December 1777. The Officers in the Maryland Line complain of a Want of Subaltern Officers and probably there may have been some Appointments in that Line without consulting us. Filling up Vacancies is a Work not the most agreeable to us, but we cannot, with Propriety give up that Part of the Civil Power of this State. You'll oblige us by letting us know whether there's any Resolution contrary to that of Decemr 1777, or whether it remains for Want of attending to it. In the few Instances that may occur where young Gentlemen of Merit are recommended to us before we hear from you, we shall request the Board of War to commission them as we are satisfied such are wanted

We are &ca

Delegates in Congress.

C. B. Thursday 27 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Commissions issued to Benjamin Tevis appointed Capt in the room of Thomas Philips John Chapman 1 Lieut, Joshua Chapman 2d Lieut, Robert Tevis Ens. Elie Dorsey Capt in the room of Richard Owings, James Barnes 1 Lieut, Johnny Sellman 2d Lieut Tobias Talbot Ens. Joshua Hurd Capt. in the room of Thomas Owings, Thomas Wire 1 Lieut, Thomas Greenwood 2d Lieut, William Parker Ens. Joshua Hartestiom Ens. of Captain Wm Hudson's Co and Thomas Chenoworth Ens. of Capt. Mordecai Gosnell's Co belonging to the Soldiers Delight Batt. of Militia in Baltimore County

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Wailes, thirty three Pounds, eighteen shillings and nine pence and the further Sum of One hundred and thirty eight Pounds, eleven shillings and eleven Pence half penny for the use of James Bennett due him per Accts passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Wailes Eight

Thousand Pounds to be delivered over to William M^c^Bride and to be expended in the Purchase of Wheat & Flour & Accounted for C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Dallam Forty thousand Pounds to be by him delivered over to Richard Dallam to be expended in the Purchase of Wheat & Flour & Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Wailes Two hundred and eleven Pounds, ten shillings for the use of Jos. Dashiell ꝑ Acc^t^ passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beard two Pounds, five shill^gs^ for 3 Papers Ink Powder for the use of the Council

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Dalziel Eighteen Pounds due him per Acc^t^ passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Colter nine Pounds due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Colter nine Pounds due him per ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

Robert Miles who was committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County appeared before this Board and entered into Recognizance in the Sum of Three hundred Pounds conditioned for his good behaviour during the War and also James Reid and Henry Sibel appeared and entered into Recognizance in the Sum of One hundred and Fifty Pounds each conditioned for the good the Behaviour of said Robert Miles during the present War

Commissions issued to James Bennett appointed Capt in the room of William Winder Thomas Skinner 1 Lieut, David Vance 2 Lieut and William Byng Ens. in the Salisbury Batt of Militia in Somerset County also to James Martin Lieut Col^o^ William Holland Major, Fisher Waltam Capt in the room of William Holland, George Layfield, 1 Lieut, Eliacam Johnson 2^d^ Lieut, belonging to the Snow Hill Batt of Militia in Worcester County also to Ebenezer Handy Lieut Col^o^ Solomon Long Major, John Davis Capt. in the room of Isaac Houston George Gwins 1 Lieut, William Dennis 2^d^ Lieut, Bartholomew Slatony Ens. Richard Miles 2^d^ Lieut, Isaac Dixon Ens. of Capt. Horsey's Comp^y^, James Purdue Capt in the room of John P. Mitchell, John Shockley 1 Lieut, Jesse Brayton 2^d^ Lieut Joseph Brittenham Ens. John Dashiell 1 Lieut of Capt R. Hands Comp^y^ belonging to the Wicomico Batt of Militia in Worcester County and also to Josiah Dashiell Capt in the room of Capt Bridles, James Fasset 1 Lieut John Brevard 2^d^ Lieut belonging to the Sinepuxent Battalion of Militia in Worcester County

C. C.
p. 264

[Council to A. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 27th May 1779

Sir

Our Lookout Boat has returned, as Capt Handy is gone up, we suppose he carries you the same Intelligence which we have. It is desirable to keep a considerable Force in Baltimore and we wish the Militia would be patient enough to keep together a little while longer; we delayed calling them together because we were apprehensive that it would be next to impossible to keep them together for any Time. The few Militia who met here shewed so much Dissatisfaction at being kept that, apprehensive they would discharge themselves if we did not, we permitted them to go home after recommending to the Officers to agree on and appoint Signals in Case of Alarm. You will be able to judge from the Temper of the Militia assembled at Baltimore, whether the same Step with Regard to them, will not be most prudent and, if you think it will, we request you to take it.

We are &ca

Andw Buchanan Esqr
Lt of Baltº County

[Council to W. McBryde.]

In Council Annapolis 27th May 1779

Sir

We sent to you by Mr Wailes, the Bearer of your Letter 8000£ to pay for the Flour you purchased. The Quantity demanded of us, is made up, so that we would not have you concern with any more; that which you have bought had best remain a while, if in a safe Place as well because we do not know where it may be wanted & the Danger of removing it to a Place where any Quantity is already collected, as the Possibility of its being wanted by the Militia, who must be supplied with it, if they should be collected.

We are &ca

Mr Wm McBryde
Somerset County

[Council to G. Dashiell.]

In Council Annapolis 27th May 1779

Sir

We sent you 12th Decembr last by one of our Boats 2 C Wt of lead, the Boat did not go any farther than Patuxent &

therefore you did not get it. We sent you the 12th of last C. C
Month by Mr Hughes 1 C Wt which we suppose you got. Tomorrow or the next Day we will send to Cambridge to the Care of Mr Stevens 3 C wt Lead, we cannot send it before. We have wrote to Mr McBryde to keep back, a little while, the Flour he purchased & subjected it for the use of the Militia, if called out; Colo Joseph Dashiell has 2 Barrls of our Pork & Mr Chaille about the same Quantity, that must be used if convenient & wanted or and that belongs to the Public, more convenient. We can say nothing further as to the Removal of the Continental Provisions, which may be in Places tolerably safe, than that we do not approve it, as Things are now circumstanced and advise it not to be done. We cannot Spare one of our Boats at present, if you can hire a proper one and get her manned & armed, we are willing to pay the Expence of it, for the little Time she may be necessary and useful. We send you the Commissions you wrote for; if the People will lend or use their Arms, we agree they shall be paid for in Case of Loss, but special Care ought to be taken to fix the Loss on those who use them, unless it is unavoidable

We are &ca

Colo Geo. Dashiell

[Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 27th May 1779 p. 265

Sir

You will receive by your Brother Francis Dallam forty thousand Pounds. If you do not draw the Money from the Commissary's Department for the 1700 Barrls which you purchased before you received your Appointment from tihs Board and which Govr Morris Esqr has agreed shall be reckoned in the Quantity to be supplied by this State, a further Sum shall, on Notice, be sent to enable you to satisfy your Engagements. We have this Day wrote to Genl Buchanan either to discharge or keep the Militia together as he shall find them in Temper. If the first is done, signals must be agreed on, that Notice may be extended immediately, so that all under Orders to hold themselves in Readiness, may proceed without Delay, to Baltimore. The Flour you have purchased must remain in the Places mentioned in your List, until you receive further Directions from us. It will be required from the 9 Months Men to make separate Depositions, with respect to the Cloathing they have received from the State and, if they insist on the Cloathing they must receive it here, as we have none any where else; if they will

c. c. receive Money in Lieu of the Cloathing, it will be paid on the Deposition's being produced.

We are &ca

Richard Dallam Esqr

[Council to J. Dashiell.]

In Council Annapolis 27th May 1779

Sir.

Our Stock of Arms is very small and of Accoutriments much smaller. If the enemy come up, this Place & Baltimore will certainly be principal Objects and as Balto may better be defended than this Place, we have sent chief of what we had thither. We are not able to furnish you with either of the Articles you want. If the Militia should be called out, use the Pork in your & Mr Chaille's Hands, in that Event, any Flour & Bread which is convenient must be used & paid for. We have sent you the Money on your Order, but have not drawn any sum to deposite in the Counties, if we do for any, we must for all on the Eastern Shore we should not be justified unless the Occasion was more pressing. We send you the Commissions you wrote for. If the Eastern Shore of Virginia should call on you for Assistance, we would by all Means have you give it, as far as your Circumstances will allow, but we are afraid you can afford but little

We are &ca

Colo Joseph Dashiell

[Council to B. William.]

In Council Annapolis 27th May 1779

Sir

We have come to a Resolution not to give, for some Time at least, Permission to any Body, to go within the Enemy's Lines. We have nothing late from Virginia, that can be depended upon

We are &ca

Bordley William Esqr

Copy

[Washington to Gist.]

To Brigadier General Gist

Sir

The State of Maryland apprehending an Attack from the Enemy now in Chesapeak bay have requested that you might be sent to take the Command, You will therefore proceed

forth with to Baltimore Apply to the Governor and concert with him the measures necessary to be taken on the occasion. Copy

You present command is only Temporary so soon as the Enemy have left Chesapeake Bay, & the danger which now threatens is over. You are immediately to rejoin the Army and resume your Command in the line.

You will be pleased to advise me of any Interesting occurrences that may happen

Given at Head Quarters
Middle Brook 27 May 1779
G° Washington

Friday 28 May 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday except Thomas Sim Lee Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col° William Hyde Five hundred Pounds to be Accounted for

Commissions issued of William Robinson appointed Ens. of Capt Benjamin Philpots C° John Lancaster jun^r 1st Lieut, & Edward Warren Ens of Capt. Jonathan Yeates C° Hendley Smoot, Ens of Capt John Parnham's C° Hezekiah Dent Capt, Francis Posey 1 Lieut, Isaac Smoot 2 Lieut, Joseph Manning Dent Ens, Haskins Hanson 2 L^t and Gerard Blackstone Causin Ens. of Capt Walter Hanson's C° belonging to the 12th Battalion of Militia in Charles County

In our Letter of the 20th of May to Mr Purviance in answer to his where the Idea of the usefulness of the Gallies in the Defence of Baltimore Town was mentioned we say "The Inde-"pendence wants a good deal done to her to fit her for a Cruise "the men we have are at present divided between her and the "Chester they in concert with our Fort might be useful "against Vessels the same end would be answered to you by "the Baltimore and Johnson they are Gunned we have them "ready to send up to the Indian Landing with Pork and some "other Articles, but if you can get a Force to use them as "Batteries, Baltimore Town may have them for that purpose, "If men can be engaged to carry up the Baltimore and "Johnson and act in them in Case it should become necessary "we will on this occasion draw their pay for the little Time "they can be wanted out of the Treasury and with the Assem-"bly's Approbation of our Conduct." We were mistaken as to the Johnson's being Gunned, her Guns are not mounted tho' we have Carriages for the large Guns. These two Gallies are now at Indian Landing if a Force can be had from Baltimore to carry them thither we shall willingly let them go and take the Chance of manning them we will also be glad to have

C. B. a few careful men hired to take care of them in the mean Time and wish to have so much done to them as may put them in order of this Service.

C. C. [Council to I. R. Holliday.]

In Council Annapolis 28th May 1779

Sir

We inclose you the Power desired to Colo Selden. If Mrs Chamier is allowed to pass the Lines and come through the other States, we know of nothing to prohibite her coming in this State. Giving a Special Permit, where it is unnecessary, may induce an Opinion that it is necessary, and occasion much Trouble to ourselves and Individuals

We are &ca

I. R. Holliday Esqr

p. 266 [Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

In Council Annapolis 28th May 1779

Sir

We have directed the Arms sent by Tregoe, to be put into a fine sailing Virginia built Pilot Boat, to be escorted by one of our Gallies with a Tender. By a Letter from Genl Buchanan, the Arms which lay at the Head of Elk, belonging to this State, were sent to Nottingham; we request they may be sent to Baltimore with all Expedition. By a Letter from the Board of War, received to Day, we are to expect three hundred Stand of Arms for this State to be sent to the Head of Elk from Lancaster, those also we desire may be sent to Balto immediately on their getting to Elk. The Virginia Post has just come in, there are no Letters giving an Account of the situation of Things in Virginia or any late Intelligence from thence; your being clear of Stores and its being generally known, may, perhaps, save your Neighbourhood a Visit. What Flour is stored at the Head of Elk or that lies within three or four Miles of it, ought by all Means to be removed to Christeen, as quick as may be; what lies in a safe situation, ought to remain there, we do not know where it may be wanted

We are &ca

Colo Henry Hollingsworth

[Council to Gov. Henry.]

In Council Annapolis 28th May 1779

Sir

Anxious to be informed of the Situation of Things in Virginia, we have sent Colo Hyde, the Bearer of this, to obtain

and convey us all the interesting Intelligence he can: he may C. C.
be very safely trusted as a discreet Friend and we shall be much obliged to you to promote the End of his going. We should have requested regular Information from you of every Thing you might judge useful to us to know, but that we have no Doubt of your being fully taken up in your present Circumstances; however Sir, if there's any Thing which you may judge more proper to write us than to put into the Tract mentioned above, we shall most thankfully acknowledge the Favor of your immediate Communication. We have the Honor to be

&ca

Governor Henry

[Council to Gouverneur Morris.]

In Council Annapolis 28th May 1779

Sir

We have not got the Returns from the Purchasers of Flour &ca to that Exactness which we desired by the 20th Inst we inclose you the best we are enabled to furnish and as the Quantity requested is nearly if not fully secured. We have directed the Purchase to stop That part of the Flour which lay between the Head of Elk and Christeen Bridge, we directed to remain in the Mills where it was, for the Convenience of removing it to this or Delaware Bay, occasionally; some had been carried to the Head of Elk under the Orders first given, before your directions for lodging it at Landings on this Bay could have their Effect; this last, as well as what lies within three or four Miles of the Head of Elk, we ordered, with a View to the Safety of it, to Christeen, and the Board of War, by their Letter, seem to have had the same Idea. Messrs Gustavus Reisberg & James White were here the other Day, they expressed a strong Desire to have about 1000 Barrls of Flour purchased by Mr Dallam before our Appointment of him, sent forward for the Expence of the Army, they represent that the Army is in Danger of wanting; we advised them, if any of the 10,000 Barrls were to be applied that Way, beyond what was sent & would be sent, for the Reasons mentioned above, to Christeen, which we suppose go on to the Army, to get your Order for that Purpose; the inclosed may enable you to give the Orders immediately to the Purchasers, or, if there's Time, on your desiring any particular Quantity to be so disposed of, we shall readily give the particular Orders,

We are &ca

Gouverneur Morris Esqr

Original [Washington to Gov. Johnson.]

Head Q^rs Middle Brook
May the 28: 1779

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform Your Excellency, that after a variety of attempts, and much time and labour spent by several Boards of Officers, the Arrangement of the Maryland line has been at length fixed and Commissions have been issued for the Officers agreably to it, by the Board of War, except in the instances mentioned in the inclosed List. The Gentlemen named in this, belong to the State, have served with the Troops a considerable time and have been recommended and arranged to the ranks against their respective names; but as they have never received any appointments from the State, I have thought it necessary to obtain your Excellency's sanction to the measure, previous to my application to the Board for Commissions for them. They are all reported to be Gentlemen of merit and well intitled from every consideration to these promotions. The two first and the last from a deficiency of Officers have long acted as Officers in the line, and Mr Stoddart for near Two years as a Brigade Major to General Smallwood. Indeed it would be a fortunate circumstance on account of the great want of Officers occasioned by resignations & other causes, if there were several other Gentlemen who could be recommended and receive appointments. I shall be obliged by Your Answer, by the earliest opportunity.

I have the Honor to be with sentiments of very great respect & esteem, your Excellency's most Obed^t Servt

G^o Washington

His Excell^y Govr Johnson

C. B. Saturday 29 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wilmot Twenty two Pounds ꝑ Account passed by the Aud Gen^ls Dep^y

That the said Treasurer pay to James Freeland One hundred and Thirty Five Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay Capt John Lynch of the 5 Maryland Reg. three thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Bailey of the 3^d Regim^t Four thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Stephen Shelmerdine of the 4 Regim^{t} Three thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Bailey Twenty four Pounds for the use of Lieut William Reiley of the 4 Reg^{t} and also the further sum of Twelve Pounds for the use of Thomas Edwards ꝑ Acc^{ts} passed by the D Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Tuttell twenty seven Pounds due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Stevenson Twenty Pounds, two shillings and six Pence to be delivered over to Edward Stevenson per Acc^{t} passed by Dep^{y} Aud

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt John Lynch of 5 Reg 12yds. white Casmire & 2 p^{r} Shoes

That the said Commissary deliver to Major Stoddert 8 yds w^{t} Casmire

That the said Commissary Deliver to Capt John Bailey 10 yds white Casmire for Lieut Thomas Cromwell of the 4 Reg^{t} 10 yds white Casmire for Lieut Armstrong of the 3^{d} Reg^{t} and 12 y^{ds} do for Capt John Smith of the 1 Regim^{t}

[Council to J. Calhoun.]

In Council Annapolis 29th May 1779 C. C. p. 1

Sir

It is necessary in the present Situation of Affairs; that there should be some Body to act, temporarily, as Quarter Master Genl for the Militia to be collected eventually in Baltimore We wish to have the Business conducted in the best Manner and are confident it would be done so, if you would undertake it. On this Occasion, we request you will & this is to impower you to do so. Apply the Money belonging to the Public which you have received, or if not received, pray receive it; if more should be necessary, we will supply it

We are &^{ca}

James Calhoun Esqr

[Council to Col. Selden.]

In Council Annapolis 29th May 1779

Sir.

The above is a Copy of a Permission granted to Mrs Charnier for the bringing by Water her Household Furniture and Wearing Apparel under the Security of an Inventory & Oath provided General Washington should approve. You are mentioned to us as a proper Gen^{t} to receive the Goods which,

C. C. in Case they come, we impower you to do, with the Consent of the Government of Virginia. We should imagine it proper that some Officer should compare the Marks and Numbers of the Packages of the Wearing Apparel and the Particulars of the Household Furniture with the Invoice, to prevent any Goods being brought in not licensed, or any Suspicion of it.

Col° Selden at Hampton } We are &ca

C. B. Monday 31 May 1779

Present as on Saturday

Com^s of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to James Belt Com^r of the Brigantine the Lively 90 Tons burthen mounting 10 Car. Guns, 2 Swivels and 10 small Arms belonging to Robt Morris & Nisbett of Phil^a & Stephen Steward of Maryland.

C. C. p. 1 [Council to Col. Stone.]

In Council Annapolis 31st May 1779

Sir

We think it will be the best Way to send the Recruits forward through this Place, from whence they may go by Water to the Head of Elk. If the Enemy should visit us, some of our old Regular Troops would be very desirable, the new raised Recruits would be much the same as Militia, of the latter we may have more than we have Arms for. We have ordered 18 Coatees, 18^r Overalls & 18 p^r Shoes; we have not Shirts nor can we spare Hats. We have drawn £250 to be placed in Mr Turner's Hands to purchase Provisions for the Recruits, if he does not incline to accept it, we shall be obliged to you to appoint some Body else.

We are &ca

Col° John H. Stone.

[Council to Col. W. Richardson.]

In Council 31st May 1779

Sir

We have had the Pork brought over by the Genl Smallwood, overhauled; from the Account we have of it, we hope there will be but very little Loss. Our Boats are now very much employed; if you have any Opportunity, we shall be obliged to you to send us what remains with you. A Part of your ill Success, we believe, may be attributed to the unfavourable Weather We are &ca

Col° Wm Richardson.

[Council to Col. Ware.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 31st May 1779

Sir.

It is very difficult to get you any Thing from hence for Want of Carriage. We inclose you an Order on Colo Barnes for 100lbs of Powder which you'll make use of, if you should want, he has more than he'll have Occasion for. If the Enemy should come up the Bay, we imagine Baltimore & this Place will most likely be visited by them; we have applied what Arms we had, by much too few, with that View, but we hope to be able to strenghen you a little soon in Musquets.

Colo Francis Ware We are &ca

P. S. We send you 500 Gun Flints.

Tuesday 1st June 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt James Fernandes four thousand Dollars, two thousand to be delivered over Lieut William Bruce of the 1st Regimt and two thousand to be delivered over to Lieut Samuel McPherson of the same Regimt to be expended in the recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Fernandes Two hundred and fifty Pounds to be delivered over to John Beale Turner to be expended in the Purchase of Provisions for the Recruits in Charles County & to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Smith Sixty Pounds ꝑ Acct passed by D. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Beriah Maybury Seventy five Pounds eight Shillings and three pence ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud. and also the further Sum of One hundred Pounds on Account

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt James Fernandes 18 Coatees 18 pair Overalls & 18 pair Shoes to be charged to the 1 Regt 2 pr Shoes for himself and 2 pair Shoes for Lieut William Bruce and Crocus suffi for 2 Baggs to be returned

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Mc Kew a 9 Mo Soldier in the 3d Regimt Discharged the amount of Eighteen Pounds, Fifteen shillings & three Pence in Cloathing due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the Armourer deliver to Capt Fernandes 500 Gun Flints to be delivered to Colo Ware.

C. C.
p. 2

[Gov. Johnson to Col. H. Hollingsworth.]

Annapolis 1st June 1779

Sir

I am very sorry that any Man should be brought into Difficulties by his Promptitude to serve the Public; you need not appologise for shewing my Letters, to clear up your Brother's Conduct with respect to the Flour purchased by Mr Gilpin of Mr May, or that sent forward to Philada by you, under the request of the Council & myself. You are as welcome as justifiable in making use of any Thing from me, to clear up the Truth and serve the Purposes of Justice; I shall take the same Freedom, whenever necessary, with any Letters in my Power, without thinking I do amiss and now inclose you a Letter of the Honble Governieur Morris to our Delegates which they inclosed to us and was to govern us, with Regard to the Purchase & Disposition of the Flour. Presuming that the Flour was to supply the Army 'til Harvest, the Council and I had given general Directions to the Purchasers to forward it to the Head of Elk, that it might be sent forward for that Purpose, but on the Receipt of that Letter we wrote you the 26th April pressing you to exert yourself to dispatch the Carriage and gave correspondent Orders, a few Days before & after to the Purchasers. The Letter strongly conveys the Idea of its being desirable, indeed necessary to have the Flour in Philadelphia as soon as possible. I also send you a Copy of Mr Morris's Letter of the 21st of April received so late as the 30th. The very Day of Receipt of it we wrote Letters to all the principal Purchasers, countermanding the former Orders and directing the Flour to be lodged at Landings on this Bay, as requested, except that which lay between the Head of Elk, which we desired to continue in the Mills, ready to be carried to Landings on either Bay. We did not imagine the countermanding Orders could possibly prevent, totally, the Effect of the first, which were in a Way of Execution. Mr Reisberg writes me, 11th May, "Colo Hollingsworth D. Q. M. G. of Head of Elk was in Town last week, informing me you had requested him to take Charge of the Flour purchased by the Commissaries in your State; I beg Leave to mention that we have an Assist. Commy at that Post and that it would be in a proper Line for him to receive the same or any other Kind of Provisions." It was improper to put the Flour in that Line, after the Receipt of Mr Morris's Letter. Messrs Reisberg & White were here the other Day, they seemed desirous that Part, at least, of the Flour purchased by the Gent of our Appointmt should be delivered over to the Commys but the Matter was explained to them, that Mr Morris's Order was necessary.

We have lately directed, that such Flour as was in Danger shou'd be carried to Christeen and have wrote to Mr Morris to give Orders, as to the Disposition of it; we had given these Orders before the Receipt of a Letter from the Board of War, which recommended the Removal of all Stores which lay in unsecure Places. I have been thus particular to shew that from the Variety of Orders given, none of them can reasonably be expected to have been punctually & systematically executed, the prior being in Execution after the posterior had been given in Philadelphia and before they could possibly go through our Hands and reach those who we employ. I am much surprized that there should be any Doubt of Part of the Flour having been purchased by Mr Gilpin, because Mr Morris mentioned, as an Irregularity, one of our Purchasers having bought Flour in Philad^a. I have already accounted to him for the Rise of the Flour, on much truer Principles than the injurious Suspicion that it is owing to the bad Conduct of our Purchasers. I would advise you and Mr Gilpin to take the Affidavits of such Persons as are acquainted with the Facts or rather, if you can get them, to go with you to Philad^a; the most that can be made of Mr Gilpin's Conduct, in purchasing May's Flour, a Part of which was in Philad^a is, that as to such Part, the Purchase was irregular which yet does not appear so clear to me, and if that and the Flour you sent to Philad^a under our Orders, has occasioned your Brother's present Trouble, I cannot but think those who have treated him as you represent, will be sorry they have proceeded to such Lengths on an ill founded Suspicion. I am not acquainted with Mr Govr Morris; but I would have you lay this Matter before him, his Rank and Character induce me to think he will contribute all he can to discover the Truth and prevent your Brother's Suffering for receiving the Flour when no Body else would. As to its being the Loss of the State, I have no Idea of it, it was purchased for the Continent and I have no Doubt but every Body who has had any Thing to do with it, has acted as they thought most to the Interest of the Cont^r. You would do well to identify the Flour, to prevent Suspicions of giving a false Colouring to any. I hardly know what to say as to the future, its being removed or not, ought to depend on the Fleet's being gone out of the Bay or not, we have contrary Reports

C. C.

I am &^ca

Col^o Henry Hollingsworth

[Council to C. Rumsey.] p. 3

In Council Annapolis 1st June 1779

Sir

We are very sorry that there should be any Hesitation or

c. c. Delay in complying with our order for Arms &ca from Cecil. We presume we are as well acquainted with the Circumstances of the different Parts of the State as any Body in it, and in judging Baltimore to be a first Object, in this State, with the Enemy, we but give into the common Opinion. The Arms sent to Cecil, we designed only for temporary Service, and not to appropriate them for the Use of that County; too much may eventually depend on the Arms being at Baltimore for us to omit requiring in the most positive Terms, that those ordered be sent with all Dispatch. We will send you some Powder, as soon as we have an Opportunity, but cannot possibly send a Boat at present with it. It is not in our Power to take Majr Savin's Commission from him or to prevent its Effect, but should imagine that, if he considers that the End of its being given to him was only to enable him to serve his Country when he sees the very contrary Effect, he will, if he deserves to hold it, as willingly give it up as he accepted it, and we think you would do an essential Service to your County & Country in bringing about a Resignation

Charles Rumsey Esqr
Lieut of Cecil County

We are &ca

p. 3 [Council to A. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 1st June 1779 12 o'clock

Sir.

Mr Chever, who was in the Plater Lookout Boat, which was ordered as low as the Mouth of Patuxent, has this Moment come to Town; he says that yesterday Afternoon, as the Plater was taking in Water at Mr Carroll's, they saw 3 large Ships with 2 small Vessels opening to the Mouth of Patuxent, that they endeavoured to get out of the Mouth of the River in the Plater, but the Ships came up so fast, they could not; that Mr Steward who commanded the Plater said he had no Doubt that the Ships were English Men of War & the small Vessels Tenders. He (Chever) was put on Shore at Colo Fitzhugh's & rode all Night to bring the Intelligence. He says, a little before Sun down he saw one of the Ships about Barren Island under an easy Sail. This Intelligence is very unexpected after our having heard last Night from unquestionable Authority that the Enemy had gone out of the Bay; it can't be accounted for but on a Supposition that the Enemy had turned out only to amuse us. Pray advise us whether you are likely soon to get the Arms from Elk. We shall write you again soon.

We are &ca

Andw Buchanan Esqr
Lieut of Balto County

[Council to A. Buchanan.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 1st June 1779

Sir

Commodore Grason has just come in, he was convoying the Vessel with Arms to Potowmack. About 9 o'Clock this Morning he saw two Ships at Anchor near James's Island, the one larger than the other, one he took for a Frigate the other a 20 Gun Ship or a 20 & a Sloop; the smallest lay on the Edge of the Channel towards the Eastern, the largest on the Edge of the Channel towards the Western Shore. As long as he saw them, they continued at Anchor, he saw no Transports, tho' he thinks no Conclusion can be drawn from thence, that they have none, or any Tenders. He left the Chester between Sharps Island & Tilghmans Island and came up in a small Boat. It would, doubtless, be prudent to send immediately for the Conqueror; we hope to get certain Intelligence by Tomorrow, whether the Enemy have Transports or not; be attentive to our Signal Guns

We are &ca

And^w Buchanan Esqr
Lieut. of Balt^o County

[Council to Purchasers.] p. 4

Circular In Council Annapolis 1st June 1779

Sir

We are not advised whether you have purchased any Wheat or Flour for the Use of the Continent, under our Appointment or not (Your Situation is so distant from the water that we had no Anxiety about the Success of your Commission) If you have purchased any, let us know and where it lies, also furnish us with an Account of it that it may be settled with you and carried into the General Account if you have not purchased any, write us to that Purpose. Having procured the Quantity desired, we have stopped the Purchase and desire you'll consider your Commission under this State as ended

We are &ca

To the Purchasers in Washington
Frederick & St Mary's Counties

[Council to Purchasers.]

Circular In Council Annapolis 1st June 1779

Sir.

We are not advised whether you have purchased any Wheat or Flour for the use of the Continent under our Appointment

C. C. or not. From the Accounts we had of the Scarcity of Wheat in your County, we formed no great Expectations of your Success in the Purchase of Wheat or Flour under your Appointment. If you have purchased any, let us know and where it lies, also furnish us with an Account of it, that it may be setled with you and carried into the General Account. If you have not purchased any write us to that Purpose. Having procured the Quantity desired, we have stopped the Purchase and desire you'll consider your Commission under this State as ended.

We are &ca

To the Purchasers in Charles & Calvert Counties

Original

[Gist to Gov. Johnson.]

Baltimore 1st June 1779

Sir

I have this moment arriv'd here in Pursuance to his Excellency Genl Washingtons Instructions, a copy whereof I herewith enclose you and shall wait your further directions.

I have been favored by Mr Calhoun with the perusal of your letter p Express and it may be necessary, if the enemy mean a serious attack on this place to alter the disposition of some pieces of Artillery and likewise to erect Beacons in the Country on such heights as command an extensive view that the Alarm may be general to collect the Militia in these cases I mean to wait your Excellencys Approbation

& am with due Respect

Yr Mo Obdt Servt

M: Gist

His Excellency Governor Johnson

[Delegates in Congress to Gov. Johnson.]

Philadelphia June 1st 1779

Sir

We Have the Pleasure to acknowledge your Excellency's Favor, by this Post & in Answer we observe that the Reason of the last Recommendation was, that Congress had appointed a Committee, in conjunction with the General, to new model & reduce the Number of regimental commissioned Officers that Regulation took Place in May 1778 after which the States, it was presumed wou'd resume their Powers conforming to the Regulation adopted in May 1778. A Vessel having a short Passage from Providence brings an Account of the british

being defeated near Charles Town, with the loss of thirteen hundred killed & taken we sincerely wish it may be true, but at present it wants Confirmation. We have exerted ourselves to get as many Arms sent to our State as we cou'd, but fear the Number will fall far short of what you may expect or want tho we flatter ourselves that you will not be under the disagreeable Necessity of useing them. In Compliance with your Request we applied to the General, who has sent down Brigadier Gist to take Command of our Militia, inclosed in his Excell^cys^ Letter to us. We have the honor to be with the most perfect Respect Yr. Excellency's

most ob^t^ Servants

Geo Plater Wm Carmichael I. Henry, Dan of St Thos Jenifer

Original

We have just obtained an Order for 250 Stand Arms in Mr Wests Hands

Wednesday 2^d^ June 1779

C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Chever Thirty six Pounds seven shillings and six pence per Acc^t^ passed by the Dep^y^ Aud. and also the further Sum of Five Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Gordon Twenty three Pounds six Shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

[Gist to Gov. Johnson.]

Original

Baltimore 2^d^ June 1779

I wrote your Excellency last night ꝑ express since which I am Informd General Buchanan has ordered the signals of Alarm for the Country Militia to assemble.

The want of men to Garrison this post leaves it in a very defenceless situation: whereby it is subjected to a surprise almost at any time, and as the assembling all the Militia at once (except in cases of absolute necessity) will lay the Inhabitants under peculiar disadvantages, I would beg leave to submit to your Judgement and consideration the propriety of Garrisoning this post with one or two Classes, to be relieved regularly as occasion may require. this method may have the Salutary consequences of Impressing a proper Idea of Military discipline on the minds of the people and in time render them capable of opposing an equal Number of Veterans.

I am with due deference & Respect

Y^r^ Mo Humble Servt

M: Gist

His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esqr

C. B. Thursday 3d June 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Steret junr Two hundred and sixty two Pounds ten shillings for the use of James Steret and also the further Sum of Sixty four Pounds two shillings and Six Pence for the use of Jesse Hollingsworth ꝑ Accounts passed by the Depy Aud.

C. C. p. 4 [Council to Gist.]

In Council Annapolis 3d June 1779

Sir

We received yours of yesterday last Night, the Dolphin has just returned. She has been on Board the Ships supposed to be British Men of War; they prove to be two French Ships of 20 Guns each from Cape Francois to Baltimore with Salt and other Merchandize: They had twelve Days Passage; they say the Fleet from old France for this Bay, may be hourly expected. Our Bay being now certainly clear of the Enemy, the Militia must be discharged of Course. The Force assigned by the Genl Assembly to be stationed at Baltimore, is all that we can keep there, under the present Circumstances. We are very much obliged by your Promptitude to repair hither on this Occasion and are very glad that you are so soon at Liberty to return

We are &ca

Genl Gist.

[Council to A. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 3d June 1779

Sir.

The Dolphins Return has entirely quietted our Apprehensions with Regard to the Ships in the Bay, they prove to be two armed Frenchmen of 20 Guns each from Cape Francois for Baltimore with Salt & other Goods: that give Hopes that the Fleet for this Bay from old France will arrive very soon. Governor Henry's Letter and other Intelligence having ascertained us that the Bay is clear of the Enemy, the Militia if any collected, must, of Course, be discharged. We request you'll advise us whether you have got, or are likely to get, the Arms &ca from Cecil, we have got workmen employed on the Cartridge Boxes and shall prosecute it. Genl Gist & Colo Smith both recommended Becons as Signals, we wish them to be erected

We are &ca

Andw Buchanan Esqr }
Lt of Balto County }

[Council to J. Govane.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 3d June 1779 p. 4

Sir

Having certain Intelligence that the Enemy have left our Bay, we desire you will immediately have the Remainder of your Wheat brought down to the Mills and ground up and there stored until further Orders.

We are &ca

Mr James Govane.

[Council to Col. S. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 3d June 1779

Sir.

We are ascertained that the two Ships in the Bay supposed to be british Men of War, are French Merchantmen bound to Balto Governor Henry's Letter & other Intelligence from below satisfy us theres no Enemy in the Bay. The Fleet expected from old France and now said by these Vessels to be much stronger than we had before understood, may be hourly expected according to the Accounts from these French Ships. Under these Impressions & as we cannot refit the p. 523
Balto & Johnson, without an apparent Necessity, they being ordered to be sold, we have declined sending them to Balto and have ordered the Men back who were sent for their Removal we shall prosecute the Accoutriments 'til we get a Plenty for what Musquets we have & send a Sufficiency of them to Balto

We are &ca

Col Saml Smith

[Council to R. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 3d June 1779

Sir.

Having received Certain Intelligence of the Enemy's leaving the Bay, we think it proper to put a Stop to the Removal of the Public Flour from Baltimore

We are &ca

Robert Buchanan Esqr

[Council to S. Brogden.]

In Council Annapolis 3d June 1779

Sir.

You are desired on Receipt of this, to bring the Genl Smallwood down to Annapolis. Shew this to Mr Keeports who is

C. C. requested to furnish you with 30lb Pork & as much Bread to bring you down

We are &ca

Mr Saml Brogden

C. B. Friday 4 June 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to George Dent a 9 Mo Soldier in the 2d Regimt Discharged Three Pounds five shillings & Six pence in Cloathing and also to Jonathan Woodburn a 9 mo Soldier in the 2d Regimt Discharged Eight Pounds ten shillings and six Pence in Cloathing due them p Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the Amn Army

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Thirty six Pounds due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

C. C. p. 5 [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 4th June 1779

Gent.

The Recommendation from Congress to raise 45,000,000 of Dollars and a Letter recd from Genl Washington strongly pressing the Necessity of filling up the Quotas of Troops, may probably occasion our calling the Assembly sooner than we designed. The recruiting Service has not been altogether without Success, though it would have been much better had it been entered on sooner, or even, had Cloaths been sent down as we pressed. If this Subject should come before the Assembly, it is very natural for them to expect to have a full Knowledge of the State of the Maryland Troops and to see too how the other States have filled up their Quotas: we shall not be able to give them the necessary Information without your Assistance, and we request you'll send us the Summary of the last Returns of the Army, if you are at Liberty to do so. We have been obliged to furnish the Officers and Men, down on the Recruiting Service, with several Articles of Cloathing and the Recruits with more; this seems out of the Line of the Resolutions of Congress, but, we expect, the Necessity will justify the Deviation and that the State will be allowed; advise us if you think otherwise.

We are &ca

Delegates in Congress

Saturday 5 June 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Jonathan Morris of the 7th Maryld Regt Six thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Bryan One hundred and Fifty three Pounds per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Colter Fourteen Pounds, five shillings ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Jonathan Morris of the 7 Regt 12 pair of Overalls, 12 Coatees, 12 pair Shoes and Linen suffi for a Bag

It appearing from the Book of Inrollments of Major Fulfords Company of Matrosses now before this Board that Jacob Clark of the Annapolis Matrosses who hath petitioned to be discharged was duly inlisted according to the Resolution of Convention to serve during the present Dispute between Great Britain and America unless sooner discharged by order of the Convention or Council of Safety of Maryland for the Time being this Board adjudge the said Inlistment of the aforesaid Jacob Clark regular and obligatory

[Council to N. Smith.] C. C. p. 5

In Council Annapolis 5th June 1776

Sir

By a Letter just received from Mr Purviance, the Merchants are very desirous of getting the Conqueror down the Bay, but want 12 or 15 of the Balto Company of Matrosses to assist in Manning her. Desirous of contributing all we can, we wish you to furnish the Men, we hope they may be induced to go with their Consent, if not, advise us of it. As the present Appearance of Things promises an Opportunity of hearing the Pretensions of those of your Men who have applied for a Discharge, we wish you to come down, as formerly desired, with what Witnesses & Evidence you have or can adduce to support the Propriety of their Inlistments & to permit some of the Petitioners to come hither at the same Time

We are &ca

Majr Nathl Smith.

[Council to H. Hooper.]

In Council Annapolis 5th June 1779

Sir. The Taking the two french Ships for English Men of War was a very unlucky Mistake. The Arms in Tregoe's

c. c. Vessel are designed for Carolina and Men are now waiting in Virginia for them & the Accoutriments and if Tregoe's Vessel is not safe to carry them, we request you immediately to hire a Vessel, if it can be done on reasonable Terms, to carry them to Potowmack Creek; if Vessels cannot be hired on reasonable terms, we request you'll have them pressed. Tregoe ought to go with the Arms &ca and see that they are all delivered, he having given a Receipt for them; he lay here some Time & never intimated any Thing of his Vessel's being at all out of Order, probably he may have been negligent in not pumping her. You will render the Public a most acceptable Service in pushing these Things away, for the Men will not march til they get them. We have no Vessel that we can send, or we would save you this Trouble.

We are &ca

Henry Hooper Esqr
Lt of Dorchester County

p. 6 [Council to S. Purviance.]

In Council Annapolis 5th June 1779

Sir.

The enclosed Letter to Majr Smith requests him to furnish the Matrosses desired for the Conqueror. We suppose they will not willingly go on this Service, without the same Allowance they had before. The Situation of Things would not allow us to do any work on the Chester during the Alarm, she is therefore in but indifferent Order. We shall be obliged to you to send us down three Caulkers to assist us in putting the Chester in Order, as she may be fit for occasional Use. The Chester will be ready as soon as may be, but it will not be so soon as we expect the Conqueror down. Send us down the Stores for the Chester agreeable to our Letter of 20th May.

We are &ca

Mr Saml Purviance

[Council to I. Perkins.]

In Council Annapolis 5th June 1779

Sir.

Please to send by Mr Steward in the Plater, what Bread you have purchased for us, if you have any of your own, we are willing to take it and give you a just Price for it. It will suit as well in Bulk or better than in Barrels.

We are &ca

Colo Isaac Perkins.

Monday 7 June 1779 C. B.

Present as on Saturday except Edward Lloyd

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj^{t} Smoot 10 Coatees 10 pair Overalls, & 10 p^{r} Shoes for the Recruits of the 1st Maryland Regim^{t}

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Gale one hundred and forty four Pounds, thirteen shillings and nine pence for the use of Sundries ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Freeland, Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Brown, Four Pounds one shilling and Eight pence, nine Pounds, eleven shillings and Six Pounds three shillings & nine pence due him per Accounts passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Col^{o} Uriah Forrest of the 1st Regim^{t} three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service & Accounted for.

[Council to J. H. Stone.] C. C. p. 6

In Council Annapolis 7th June 1779

Sir.

We have ordered by Serjeant Smoot 10 Coatees, 10 p Overalls & 10 p^{r} Shoes. In yours of the 9th Ap^{l} you mention that you had been obliged to purchase Corn for the Recruits and had inclosed the Receipt for the same, to the Auditor, and desired it might be ordered to be paid. We have made Enquiry at the Auditors Office and Mr Vallette says it never came there; Mr Smoot does not know the sum, or we would send it on Account, to be setled when you came up.

We are &^{ca}

Col^{o} John H. Stone.

Tuesday 8 June 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Chalmers 2 Coatees 2 pair Overalls & 2 pair Shoes for a Drummer & Fifer of the 5th Reg^{t}

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Chalmers two thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde Seventy three Pounds nine shillings and for Pence for the use of Col^{o} Josias Carvil Hall per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

C. B. Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Hyde Thirty one Pounds, five shillings due him as Ass^{t} Cl. to the Governor & Council to the 5th Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Sands, Forty six Pounds p Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Brogden Thirty five Pounds twelve shillings and nine pence per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

C. C. [Council to W. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 8th June 1779

Sir

The Careening Blocks and, we believe, the Fall, with which we used to throw down our Vessels, as the Commodore tells us, happened to be on Board the Defence, when you sent for
p. 532 her and he desired the Captain to have them put on Shore, but it was omitted; be pleased to order them thither by the first Opportunity, they are much wanted

We are &^{ca}

Wm Smith Esqr
Balt^{o}

p. 6 [Council to B. Brookes.]

In Council Annapolis 8th June 1779

Sir.

Henry Tarman of the 3^{d} Maryland Regiment whose Furlough expired the 15th Ap^{l} has solicited his Discharge on finding a Man to serve in his Room and has offered John Rodden in his Stead, he alleges that he has been long sick and that his Leg is not likely to get sound for a long Time, that he has been under Doctor Bowie's Hands whose Endeavours have not been successful and that you know his Sickness disabled him from being here the 15th Ap^{l}. We got Doct^{r} Tootell to examine his Leg and send you his Report, which does not confirm Tarman's Allegation, nor are we desirous of discharging him, unless the Service would be benefitted by receiving the other in his Room. We request you therefore to enquire of Doct^{r} Bowie and into Tarman's Circumstances and if in his and your Opinion the Service would be promoted by it, on his getting you a good Man in his Stead, discharge him; this is intended to impower you to do so, if on all Circumstances, which we cannot inquire into ourselves, it should be best.

We are &^{ca}

Capt Benj^{a} Brookes.

[The Chevalier d'Anmours to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Sir

Scarce had I finished my letter of this morning to your Exelency, that the Captain of one of the french ships mentioned in it, came on shore, and declared to me that as he was near the fort and Just Ready to enter the Port, the Galley, fitted out by the merchants of this town to defend it, trailed him; and having not understood what the officer said, fired a Gun at the said Ship. A killed man whose head was Carried away By the shot, is but an agravation of the offence offered to his most Christian majesty's service and flag, for which I ask a satisfaction which I expect as well from your Justice as from the atrocity of the fact Considered in itself. at my Request the Commanding officer (for the Captain was not on Board at that time) was immediately apprehended and sent to Jail. he pleaded the want of a salute which he Required from her. in Supposing even that this Salute was Due By his majesty's subjects to ships of war, which I Can never Acknowledge till I have orders to do so, yet it Could not be understood, to ships armed By merchants.

I Repeat it Sir. Your Justice, the Laws of nations of which this is a Capital Breach, the sincerity of the alliance that unites france and america, makes me hope for a satisfaction, which his most Christian Majesty has a Right to Expect, not only from all these motives; But also from the magnanimity with which the americans are treated when in the ports of france

I am with Great Respect
Sir
Your most humble
& most obedient Servant
LeChev. D'Anmours
Consul of france for his
most Christian majesty

Baltimore June the 8
1779

Thursday 10th June 1779 C. B.

Present as on Tuesday except James Brice. T. Sim Lee Esqr Attended

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Lamb, 1 pair overalls, 1 Coatee and 1 pair Shoes for William Ducy a Recruit in the 1st Regimt

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Lilburn Williams of the 2d Regimt three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service

C. C.
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[Council to Sheriff of Baltimore County.]

In Council Annapolis 10th June 1779

Sir.

The French Consul feels himself much interested in the Discharge of one Joubert a Frenchman acquitted of Murder and in Jail for the Fees of the Prosecution. If that is the only Cause of his Detention, be pleased to discharge him and Charge the Fees to the Public; we have no Doubt but that the Assembly will, in this Instance, order them to be paid by the Public.

We are &ca

Henry Stevenson Esqr
Sheriff of Baltº County

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[Council to Ferry Keepers.]

In Council Annapolis 10th June 1779

Sir

Le Chavalier D'Anmours, Consul of his most Christian Majesty residing in Baltimore, has represented to us that, as well French Sailors as others, who have engaged in the French Merchant Service in distant Parts, to return thither again or at least to perform the Voyage, as well from, as to this Country, desert from their Vessels at Baltimore and pass the Ferries towards Philadelphia or to the Southward; That such as are entitled to be discharged, he furnishes with printed Passports, similar to that with which he'll furnish you. As a Means of preventing, in some Measure this Practice so distressing to trade, we request you'll not suffer any Sailors to pass your Ferry from towards Baltimore but on the closest Examination and your being convinced that they are free from Engagements. If you discover they came into Baltimore in a French Vessel, you may be assured they have run away unless they have a Passport corresponding with that which you'll receive, and you would do a good Service to the Public, by having the Sailors who may have run away from their Vessels, secured for it has become too general a Practice for them to desert as soon as they have got their Advance Money

We are &ca

To the Ferry Keepers on Susquehanna
and Patapsco Rivers

[Council to the Chevalier d'Anmours.]

In Council Annapolis 10th June 1779

Sir.

We had the Honor of receiving, Yesterday Evening, your

two Letters of the Eighth. From your Residence amongst us c. c.
and the Knowlege you have thence acquired of our internal Affairs, you must have observed that very Little is left in the Will or Discretion of the Executive Branch. The Government can neither command or prohibit, contrary to the General Laws, or where they are deficient. Those who enter on Board French Vessels, undoubtedly ought to fulfil their Contracts and it consists with moral Fitness as well as Policy, that every necessary Measure should be taken to compel them. Desirous of contributing all in our Power to the End, which we wish we could fully accomplish, we inclose you Letters to the Ferry Keepers at Susquehanna and Patapsco, which we request you will be pleased to forward with the printed Passports you propose to leave at those Places. Though our Letters are not compulsory, we flatter ourselves that they will not be altogether without Effect. The Regulation which subsists amongst us with respect to the accused, though acquitted, being burthened with the Expences of Prosecution against him in some Instances inflicts a great Hardship, but those Instances are not so common as we should be apt to conclude on a superficial View of this Subject, for though the Acquital stands as a Criterion of the Party's being innocent of the Crime charged, that Rule does not in Fact hold true universally, and, before a Prosecution can be begun at all, there must arise from Facts proved on Oath, a strong Presumption of Guilt, and if the accused Person is not guilty to the Extent of the Charge, he has generally conducted himself so immorally or imprudently that the Punishment of paying the Expences is not out of due Proportion to his Fault. However Sir, as you are much interested in Favour of Joubert, we write to the Officer requesting his Discharge, expecting the Assembly had rather the Public should defray this small expence than that any Uneasiness should take Place in a Matter of such small consequence in itself, it will naturally bring the Consideration of the Subject in general before the Legislature and the Result will necessarily be the Rule in the Future. Of much more concern to us is the Subject of your second Letter, and we flatter ourselves that no Words are necessary to convince you of it. The Galley belonging to this State is fitted out, in great Part, at the Expence of it and for the sole Purpose of protecting the Trade to and from this Bay, the Efforts of the Merchants in Baltimore were in Aid of ours; the principal Officers were, by our Permission, proposed by them & approved & commissioned by us, as the Officers of this State: they were so on the former Cruise. No Instructions have been given by this Government for the Conduct of its Officers or Subjects, towards the Ships of War of his most

C. C. Christian Majesty, or the Private Ships of his Subjects; these Facts Sir, being generally known, the necessary Inference must be, as the truth really is, that any such Event as you complain of, was as unexpected to us as yourself, so that nothing of this Accident can possibly be imputed to the Government. Considering this Fact simply in the Light you view it, as an injustifiable Firing of a private Vessel on a private Vessel of the Subjects of his most Christian Majesty, and, if it was added, that it was done with the Intention of Insult & Injury, nothing in our Power remains undone since the Officer who commanded on Board, is committed to Jail and is in a Course of legal Prosecution. Whether the private Ships of either Nation are to make any Acknowledgement of of Respect to the Ships of War of the other, on their occasionally meeting with each other in the Parts of the other Power,
p. 8 is a Matter out of our Way to determine on, if at all, we imagine that between Independent Powers, they ought to be mutual, not Acknowlegements of Superiority but of Respect only. The Supreme Powers, of the two Nations, we apprehend are only competent to regulate where it may be demanded and, if it might tend in any Degree to promote the Common Interests of the two Countries we wish it done. It has hitherto been our constant Endeavour to promote and confirm a good Understanding between the two Countries and we flatter ourselves, that you'll do us the Justice to believe we shall chearfully embrace every Opportunity to evince with what Sincerity we wish to continue the Harmony and extend the Confidence now happily subsisting

We are &ca

Le Chevalier D' Anmours
His most Christian Majesty's Consul
residing in Baltimore

C. B. Friday 11th June 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Coombs a 9 Mo Soldier in the 1 Regimt Discharged the amount of Twenty three Pounds, three shillings and six pence in Cloathing Bala due him per Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

C. C. [Council to R. Buchanan.]
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In Council 11th June 1779

Sir.

We will embrace the first favorable Opportunity of sending

you Money to pay for about 400 Barr^{ls} of Flour at the Price you mention in yours of yesterday: when that Quantity is procured we would not have you purchase any more C. C.

We are &^{ca}

Robert Buchanan Esqr

[Council to Chaloner and White.]

In Council Annapolis 11th June 1779

Gent.

In Consequence of the Honble Govr Morris's & your Letters, received by this Day's Post, we have directed Saml Gilpin, Jno Ward Veazey and Col^{o} Henry Hollingsworth to deliver to the Issuing Commissary at the Head of Elk, what Flour they have in there Hands; it is all convenient and we believe, some of it on its Way to Philadelphia & a small Quantity of it at Philad^{a} sent thither before the Orders to lodge it at Landings on this Bay. Their Quantities may probably amount to 3000 Barr^{ls} We have also desired Col^{o} Richard Dallam to send to the Issuing Commissary at the Head of Elk, from 12 to 1500 Barr^{ls} of the most convenient of his Flour, to be forwarded to Philadelphia.

Messrs Chaloner & White
A. C. P. Philad^{a}

We are &^{ca}

[Council to Gilpin and others.] p. 8

Circular In Council Annapolis 11th June 1779

Sir,

By a Letter rec^{d} by this Day's Post from the Honble Govr Morris, a Part of the Flour purchased in this State is desired to be delivered to the Order of the Commissary Genl Messrs Chaloner & White A. C. of P. who inclosed the Letter, desire it may be sent forward to Philad^{a} with all possible Expedition, or that it might be ordered to the Care of the Commissary of Issues at Elk or Philad^{a} We therefore request that you'll deliver to the Commissary of Issues residing at Elk, all the Flour which remains in your Hands of the Purchase of this State; if any of it is at Philadelphia or on its way thither under any of our Former Orders, so much the better. We hope the Commissary at Elk will exert himself to get the Flour to Philad^{a} with all possible Dispatch and we shall be obliged to you to give him all the Assistance in your Power. If any Difficulty should arise about the Receipt of the Flour, we wish it not to be delayed 'til you can hear again from us, but desire

C. C. you'll send it to Philad[a] addressed to the Care of the Commissary of Issues there. Take Vouchers for your Deliveries and advise us of them

We are &[ca]

To

Sam[l] Gilpin, Col[o] H. Hollingsworth }
and John Ward Veazey }

p. 8 [Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 11th June 1779

Sir

Be pleased to send forward to the Commissary of Issues at the Head of Elk, from the Places most convenient for that Purpose, from 12 to 1500 Barr[ls] of the Flour of your Purchase, advising the Commissary that it is under our Orders and that he is to forward it to Philad[a] with all Dispatch. We are wrote to pressingly on this Subject & wish the Business to be speedily done

We are &[ca]

Col[o] Rich[d] Dallam.

C. B. Saturday 12th June 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Major Nathaniel Smith two hundred and fifty Pounds, to be delivered over to Lieut Sam[l] Sadler, of the Baltimore Matrosses on Account, and also the further Sum of Eighteen thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Robert Buchanan Esq. to be expended in the Purchase of Wheat, Flour &[ca] for the use of the Continental Army & to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith nine Pounds due him per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. George Keeports one thousand Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt James Fernandes, seventeen Pounds twelve shillings and six pence ꝑ Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That George Keeports collect and receive into his charge all the Arms & Accoutrements in Baltimore County belonging to this State that they may be ready for Service occasionally and that the Officers of the Militia assist him in the said Collection

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Major Nathaniel Smith 30 Shirts 50 pair Shoes, 70 pair Overalls & 4 Blankets for the Baltimore Matrosses

Capt George Keeports is appointed Armourer at Baltimore,

where the principal Part of the Arms now are on the Pay of 200 Dollars ꝑ Kalender Month to commence from the 20th of last Month C. B.

Monday 14th June 1779

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lt John Chever Twenty nine Pounds five shillings ꝑ Acct pd by D. Aud.

Commission of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to James Buchanan Commander of the Brigantine Revenge 120 Tons burthen, mounting 12 Carriage Guns, 4 Howitz & 20 small Arms belonging to Charles Wallace & others of the State of Maryland and also to Benjamin Loxley Commander of the Ship Fanny 80 Tons burthen, mounting 12 Carriage Guns 7 Howitz & 23 small Arms, belonging to Samuel & Robert Purviance & others of Baltimore.

Ordered that Capt Campbell deliver to Capt James Buchanan of the Brig Revenge 1 Barrel Cannon Powder & 30 ls of 4ls Shot, (39 ball was delivered of 4 ls) and also to Capt John Earle of the Schooner Baltimore Hero, 200 wt Cannon Powder, 50 wt Muskett Do 6l Match rope and 200 l. of 2 ls Shott, the shott to be retd in Kind (188–3 ls Shot delivered)

[Council to Col. Wallace.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 15th June 1779 p. 9

Sir.

It was concluded it wou'd be most essential to the Public Service, to send the Arms by Water & therefore we directed one of our Gallies to take Tregoes Vessel under Convoy and to see her safe into Potowmack. On proceeding down the Bay, two large Ships appearing in Sight and being taken for 541
Enemies, altho' they proved to be French Ships, Tregoe ran his Vessel into Choptank. On receiving Notice of this we immediately wrote to the Lieutenant of Dorchester County to order the Vessel on to Potowmack or to hire or press another for that Purpose, as there was Reason to believe Tregoe's Vessel was unfit to convey the Arms, by the Intelligence we received, we apprehend some of them are already damaged. We hope you may have received them by this altho' there have been some of the Enemy's Privateers as high as Potowmack, which gives us some Uneasiness about their Safety: if they are not gone, any Thing in our Power shall be done to forward them.

We are &ca

Colo Wallace.

Original

[Jenifer to Gov. Johnson.]

Philadelphia June 14th 1779

Dear Sir

There have been so many accounts by different ways of the defeat of the Enemy at Charles Town, that a man must be an infidel not to believe it; yet Congress have not had any Public Letter on the occasion, nor have any private Letters from South Carolina, informing of that happy event, been received by any person that I can hear of in this City.

The Enemy have looked at Fort Arnold, & fell down the River 40 miles, to Kings Ferry, and are Fortifying on both sides of the River. It is said that the Reasonable a 64 exchanged some Shot with the Fort, and that she was dismasted. It is a misfortune to the States, that Congress had not recommended the recruiting Service at the beginning of the year. Charles was always a spirited County and I am pleased, that it still continues its elections.

Crops are very promissing throughout the Continent, and could our Money be prevented from further depreciation, we should have nothing to fear; but if it continues, God only knows what will be the contingent event. The States have it in their power to apreciate it something, but there are so many speculating individuals, that will counteract every public measure, that I dispair of the wished for success. Could we assure the States that there would not be Emissions beyond a certain Sum, the business would be done; but as Congress is uncertain whether sufficient Supplies will come into its Treasury by Taxes or Loan, the Press must be kept going so long as the money will purchase any thing, or at least till supplies can be otherwise had.

I think you have judged right, in not convening the Assembly before harvest, its very probable few would have attended had you attempted it

This moment came to Marketstreet wharf, a Privateer mounting 24 nine pounders fitted out of New York, & owned by Liverpool. Captured by the Boston frigate, it is said there are 90 Men on board of her. With my respectful Compliments to Mrs Johnson

I am Dear Sir, Your Excellcys

Affectionate Servt

Dan of St Thos Jenifer

15th

P. S. The above Capture is a Letter of Mark from Liverpool, called at New York & bound at Jamaica

Tuesday 15th June 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Serjt William Smoot of the 1st Regt two thousand five hundred Dollars to be delivered over to Lieut Samuel McPherson of the 1 Regt and also two thousand five hundred Dollars to be delivered over to Lieut William Bruce of the 1 Regimt to be expended in the recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Colely Twenty Pounds, five shillings & six Pence in lieu of Cloathing due him as a 9 Mo Soldier, per Act of Assembly to procure Troops the American Army

That the said Treasurer pay to William Man Fifteen Pounds for the use of Elizabeth Man due her per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Judah one thousand two hundred & ten Pounds, thirteen shillings & nine pence on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut William Judah 23 pair of shoes, 1 Blanket, 2 Hats & 15 pair Overalls for the use of the Baltimore Matrosses in the Galley Conqueror

Commissions of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to Jacob Walters Commander of the Schooner Camden 50 Tons burthen, mounting 2 Carriage Guns, 2 Swivels, 2 Howitz & 6 small Arms belonging to John Sterett & Co Baltimore, and also to Alexander Cain Comr of the Schooner Dragon, 40 Tons burthen, mounting 2 Carriage Guns, 2 Swivels and 14 small Arms belonging to Hugh Young & Comy Baltimore

[Council to H. Hooper.] C. C. p. 9

In Council Annapolis 15th June 1779

Sir.

We have this Moment received a Letter from Colo Wallace, who was entrusted with the Arms which were carried to Cambridge, dated at Fredericksburg the 13th Inst informing us that he had heard nothing of them since he left this Place and expressing great Apprehensions for their Safety. We wish to know when you sent them off & by what Opportunity, as there are 1500 Men at Petersburg destined for South Carolina and waiting for Arms only. We hear there are some of the Enemy's Privateers high up the Bay and if the Arms are not already sent, have them put on Board a Vessel to go under

C. C. an Escort of two of our Gallies, which will be ready to proceed down the Bay in a Day or two.

We are &ca

Henry Hooper Esqr
Lt of Dorchester County

C. B. Wednesday 16 June 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Perrott of Capt Davidson's Compy of the 2d Maryland Regt 1 Shirt, 2 Coatees 1 pr Overalls 2 Hatts & 1 pair Shoes for a Recruit of that Compy a pr Overalls a pr Shoes & a Shirt for himself

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Middleton Two hundred and two Pounds, ten shillings due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

This Board have agreed to sell to Samuel Chase Esqr 800ls Cannon Powder at 40 / per lb and an Order drawn to Capt Keeport for the delivery thereof

Pay to Messrs Samuel & Robert Purviance or their order Seven thousand one hundred twenty and Six Pounds seventeen shillings and Six Pence being the amount of Fifteen Tons Sixteen hundred and three Quarters of Bar Iron delivered to you on the Contract made for the Chain Iron at Baltimore (To Thomas Dorsey Esquire)

C. C. [Council to W. Smith.]
p. 9

In Council Annapolis 16th June 1779

Sir.

You have inclosed an Order on Capt. Keeports for ten Barrels Powder; or any Part of it you may think proper to call for, you are to have it at the Price we sold for, that is 40/ plb. You may also be furnished with any Number of six Pound Shot, here that you will want at as low a Price at least as they may be had in Baltimore. We do not know whether the Shot may be to spare in Baltimore or whether they will so well suit your Guns: most, if not all we have here, were made on purpose for your Guns.

We are &ca

Wm Smith Esqr

C. B. Thursday 17 June 1779

Present as on Yesterday

John Bruce first Lieut of the Chester Galley Resigns his Commission which is accepted of

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Bruce six Pounds two shillings and six pence due him per Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Taylor one hundred Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty sixty Pounds, twelve shillings to be delivered over to Cap Richard Haff due to the Guard over the Magazine per Account passed and also the further Sum of One hundred and Fifty Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of provisions for that guard on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Woolf Forty five Pounds for the use of Alexander Ogg per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Purviance one thousand nine hundred and twenty Pounds, twelve shillings and six pence to be delivered over to Samuel & Robert Purviance on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Com^o Thomas Grason Five hundred Pounds to be applied toward paying off the Crew of the Chester Galley & to be accounted for

Commissions issued to John Nicholson appointed Capt. James Handy 1st Lieut Thomas Doyle 2^d Lieut, and Robert Roberts third Lieut of the Conqueror Galley

By his Excellency Thomas Johnson Esquire Governor of Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas the House of Senate stands adjourned to the third Monday in October next and the House of Delegates stands adjourned to the last Monday in September next and Affairs of high Importance and concern proper for the Consideration of the General Assembly requiring a Meeting as soon as well may be, I have therefore with the advice of the Council appointed Thursday the fifteenth Day of July next for the meeting & holding of the General Assembly of this State of which the several Sheriffs are hereby enjoined to give public and due notice

Given at Annapolis this seventeenth Day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy nine

Th Johnson

By his Excellencys Command T Johnson jun^r Sec^y

God save the State

C. B. Friday 18 June 1779

Present as on Yesterday James Brice Esqr Attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John Bruce Twenty six Pounds five shillings and four pence due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Jacques Bagness seventeen Pounds due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Isaac Rawlings one hundred Pounds to bear his Expences in going after Deserters from the Ann^{s} Matrosses to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Nicholson five hundred Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Com^{o} Thos Grason Five hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Dalziel, Fifty two Pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Nicholson Four hundred and thirty four Pounds, fourteen shillings and nine pence on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Thomas Walker Forty one Pounds one shilling due him per pay roll

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Michael Shettley a 9 m^{o} Soldier in the 6th Regim^{t} discharged the amount of Twenty four Pounds in Cloathing also to Francis Spoutman a 9 m^{o} Soldier in the 6th Regim^{t} Discharged Twenty four Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing due them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That Mr Goldsmith deliver Capt Nicholson 1 Side Leather for the Conquerer Galley

Commissions issued to William Judah appointed Capt Lieut of Capt Alexander Furnivall's Comp^{y} of Matrosses and also to Jacques Bagness appointed first Lieut of Capt William Campbells Comp^{y} of Matrosses

C. C. p. 9 [Council to Commodore Grason.]

In Council Annapolis 18th June 1779

Sir. You are to proceed with the Conqueror and Chester down the Bay and continue in the Neighbourhood of the Capes so as to make your Cruise, from your going from hence 'til your Return hither five Weeks as near as may be. If the Conqueror should prove so leaky that she cannot stay so long, she may return and we shall endeavour to have the Indepen-

dence ready to receive the Men & join you. You are to consider yourself at Liberty to run out to Sea or along the Coast Southward or Northward, as you may judge prudent and most to the Advantage of the Service, and in general regulate your Conduct by your own Discretion in which we have great Confidence, as may best answer the Intention of your Cruise which is, to afford all the Protection in your Power to the Trade and annoy the Enemy all you can. C. C.

We are &ca

Commodore Grason.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.] p. 10

In Council Annapolis 18th June 1779

Gent.

We have yet heard nothing farther of the Powder we offered to Congress, we have Opportunities frequently of selling, it in as large Quantities as we chuse, to private People: the Day before yesterday we let near two thousand Weight go at 40/. alb. but, learning in Conversation with Mr Plater the Congress are in Want of that Article, we have refused to part from any more, 'til this Day Week, when we expect an Answer. Private People now sell at 45/. If the Powder is really wanted, we should be glad they would send some Body to receive it at Frederick Town some Day between next Friday and the Wednesday following, the Governor will be there for several Days and can give the necessary Orders concerning it on the Spot. No Body has yet been down for the Cannon, we are sorry that we made an Offer of five nine Pounders which we have not got; there were so many sent to Indian Landing with the Eighteens. The Assembly lent the nines to the Owners of the Buckskin and they went out in her long ago. In the Return of Stores in March, long after they had been taken away the Officer carelessly returned them as stil there. We shall be obliged to you to mention both these Matters to the Board of War; the Mistake we were led into gives us Concern though we hope it may not produce any bad Consequences. The Assembly is to meet the 15th Day of next Month. Pray forward the inclosed to Colo Marbury, it is from his Wife.

We are &ca

Delegates in Congress

Saturday 19 June 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Patrick Hannan Four hundred and thirty four Pounds, five shillings on Account.

C. C.
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[Council to Capt. Keeports.]

In Council Annapolis 19th June 1779

Sir.

Hannan's Charge for the Tent Poles is high, he says it includes the Iron Work and that we gave him formerly from 12/6 to 22/6 we are sorry that so many were bespoke & that the cheapest Workman was not sought & the Price agreed on. As things are circumstanced, we do not see how we can, with Justice, stop the Payment of his Account & have therefore paid him. You mentioned that Mr Calhoun would take what of the Poles we do not want, we wish to keep sufficient only for the Tents we have & that Mr Calhoun, if he wants, would take the rest.

We are &ca

Capt. Keeports.

C. B.

Monday 21 June 1779

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Sands, Sixteen Pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Thomas Walker commander of the Sloop Dispatch 40 Tons burthen mounting no Guns, Belonging to John Johnson and Joseph Dowson of Annapolis.

Tuesday 22d June 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Francis Rawlings one hundred and ten Pounds eleven shillings and three pence due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Nixon Thirty Pounds due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to his Excy Thomas Johnson Esq. Two hundred & eight Pound six shillings & Eight pence for 1 Mo Allowance as Governr due the 9 Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Roper Twenty Pounds due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

Wednesday 23d June 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Simon

Ratalack five hundred Pounds for the use of Ridge & Ratalack on Account. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Philemon Warfield ten pounds due him per Account passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Reverdy Ghiselin one hundred and forty eight Pounds for the use of Mary Ghiselin due her per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

The Governor & Council have agreed to dispose of to Mr Chase 14 4 pounders from the Baltimore, 2 4 pounders from the Molly, 2 long 3^{s} from the Molly 4 3 pounders English from the Smallwood & 4 Carriages for the 4 pounders at £1000 p^{r} pair for the 4 pounders and £ 875 p^{r} pair for the three pounders and the Carriages at the current price Order to Capt Gordon to deliver them to Mr Chase's Order to be paid for in six weeks

Thursday 24 June 1779

Present as on Yesterday Thomas Sim Lee Esq. Attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Fourteen Pounds Eleven shillings and Eight pence for 1 M^{o} Allowance as Messenger to the Council due 23^{d} Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Logan Twenty five Pounds, to be delivered over to William Logan per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Aquila Paca two thousand five hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Richard Dallam Esqr to be by him expended in the Purchase of Wheat & Flour & Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Simon Ratalack Two hundred and sixty seven Pounds seventeen shillings and six Pence for the use of Ridge and Ratalack per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Annis thirty Pounds per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That George Keeports deliver to Mr Chase 50^{l} Musket Powder and 400^{l} Cannon Powder, the Musket Powder to be at the Baltimore Price

Mr Stephen Steward is requested to deliver to Samuel Chase Esq. or his Order 16 Carriages for four pounders if he thinks they will answer his purpose

Friday 25 June 1779

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas

C. B. Dalziel Forty Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn seventy five Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the Com[y] of Stores deliver to Lieut Vachel Burgess of the 1 Reg[t] Stript Linen for 2 p[r] overalls.

That the Commissary at Baltimore deliver to James Williams 400 pound Cannon Powder

Saturday 26 June 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Hindman Esquire Five hundred and forty three Pounds for his Attend[s] in Council

That the said Treasurer pay to James Taylor Eighty three Pounds, fifteen shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud Gen[l]

Delivered Daniel Joy for the use of the Continent ten eighteen Pounders from the Indian Landing per his Receipt.

This Board have agreed to Let M[r] Chase have 4 wall pieces and 2 Blunderbusses, the Wall pieces at £ 60 the pair & the Blunderbuss's £ 25 each

Monday 28 June 1779

Present as on Saturday except James Hindman Esq[r]

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Hammond sixty seven Pounds, ten shillings per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Tuesday 29 June 1779

Present as on Yesterday

This Board have agreed to dispose of to M[r] Chase 6 Wall pieces at £ 30 each and blunderbuss's at £ 25 each

The Baltimore Galley was sold yesterday with her Stores by Inventory delivered to Samuel Chase Esq. & James Williams for £ 6000 10 The Johnson Galley with her Stores by Inventory delivered at £ 6500. 10, and the Annapolis the Hull only at 2000. 10/. also to M[r] Chase and Williams and the General Smallwood with her Stores by Invent[y] delivered to Capt Pit for £ 4500 Six Weeks Credit to be given

[Delegates in Congress to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Sir Philadelphia June 29th 1779

Your Excellencys Letters of the 18th and one from Capt Nicholson we have had the Honor of receiving. The Circumstances of Capt Nicholsons Captivity was not new to us, but the answer from the Marine Comtee as represented by Capt Nicholson is altogether so. As the members of this Comttee and every other indeed, are frequently changing, it is impossible to know with certainty what verbal answer was given to Capt Nicholson, by the Marine Comttee on the report of the Navy Board; but from the minutes of the Comttee we are inclined to think he is mistaken in the representations he has made to you. What an individual of the Comttee uninformed upon the subject might have said to the Captain is impossible to ascertain; but the Comttee as a Comttee could not give him the answer which he says they did; for no third witness is requisite by the established mode of trial on a Court of inquiry, and therefore it is unreasonable to suppose the Comttee could inform the Capt that it was requisite. There must therefore be some mistake in this matter which you will readily perceive by reading the enclosed resolves of the Comttee in which they approve of the report of the Navy Board and speake of him as a spirited and good officer. We are not unacquainted with the Merit of this officer, and as soon as a Ship offers we shall use our endeavours to provide for him, but at present we have a greater number of Capts than Ships, and of Course it is out of the power of Congress or the Marine Comttee to employ the whole of them.

Your Letter respecting the powder and Canon we have laid before the Board of War. They had a few Days before the receipt of it sent a person for both these Articles. He must have been with you before this Time. If he has not, we request you would not dispose of the powder as it is much wanted by the Continent

Congress has had no Confirmation of the various reports respecting our Southern Success. In a letter from Charles Town from a Gentleman of rank and abilities, as late as the 19th of May, no mention is made of any action. The Enemy did no more than appear before the Town and return again. They are at present in the Neighbourhood of Charles Town & the New York paper says in possession of John & James Islands.

We are Sir with the highest respect
and Esteem your Excellencys
obdt & hble Servts
J. Henry
Dan of St Thos Ienifer

Original

Marine Committee Nov. 13 1778

The Navy Board of the Middle District laid before the committee the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held relative to the loss of the Continental Sloop Hornet, John Nicholson Esquire Commander, Wherein the Court are of opinion that the loss of the Hornet was not occasioned by any neglect or want of spirit in Capt Nicholson but in consequence of his being attacked by a force greatly superior to his own.

The Committee having read and duly considered the proceedings of the Said Court concur in Opinion that the loss of the Hornet was occasioned by her being attacked by a superior force, and that Captain Nicholson behaved as a spirited good officer.

Extracts from the Minutes
John Brown Sec^{y}

C. B.

Wednesday 30 June 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj Lamb 1 Coatee 1 p^{r} Overalls, & 1 p^{r} Shoes for a recruit named James Flint, enlisted by Ensign Burgess to be charged to the 1 Reg^{t} & 1 Coatee & 1 p^{r} Overalls for himself

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Beriah Maybury One hundred and Eleven Pound, Seventeen shillings & six pence due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud. and also the further Sum of One hundred Pounds on Account.

C. C.
p. 10

[Council to Col. Forrest.]

In Council Annapolis 30th June 1779

Sir

The Bearer Mr Robert Swails, thinks it is in his Power to recruit Men in St Mary's County and for that Purpose solicits a Warrant from this Board. He brought a Letter from Col^{o} Plater, but not a sufficient Recommendation to justify an Appointment. The Col^{o} writes, he is not acquainted with his Character, he is equally a Stranger to us and as we are informed, well acquainted with you. We beg your Opinion of his Prospect and the Propriety of appointing him

We are &^{ca}

Col^{o} Forrest

[Jenifer to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Phil[a] June 30th 1779

Dear Sir,

Congress have not received any information from South Carolina. M[r] Drayton has a Letter from a Gent[n] in Cha[s] Town dated the 19th of May which informs him that the Enemy were in Possession of James's Island. No mention made of any engagement having happened, but says, Gen[ls] Lincoln and Wilkinson were not far off

In a New York Paper of the 19th Ins[t] is a Deposition of a Cap[t] M[c]alpine that left Tybee (Georgia) the 5th of this month and also a Letter to Sir Geo Collier from a Cap[t] of a Man of War in Savannah both of which contain intelligence of a serious nature and altho, I do not believe the Situation of the Enemy to be so promissing as to put them immediately into Possession of Charles Town which they expect, or that Governor Rutledge had offered to Capitulate on Condition that South Carolina should remain Neuter during the War which they also assert, Yet I fear Lincoln is not in force sufficient to risk a battle.

Two Prizes to the Confederacy & Boston Frigates with 200 Hhds of Rum, and other Goods arrived at this Port yesterday; Likewise 6 or 7 Merchantmen from Statia with various Articles of Merchandize

With the greatest respect and regard I am

Dear Sir, Your affectionate Serv[t]

I propose to set out from this the 4th of next month

Dan of S[t] Tho[s] Jenifer

Thursday 1st July 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Ralph Story Nine hundred and Eighty four Pounds, twelve shillings & six pence ꝑ Acc[t] passed by the Aud. Gen[l].

[Council to James Calhoun.] C. C. p. 10

In Council Annapolis 1st July 1779

Sir.

We have Occasion for a small Quantity of Bread & Flour for immediate Use and now send Capt. Steward in the Plater to Baltimore for 4 or 5000[lb] of Bread and 15 Barr[ls] of Flour, 10 of First & 5 of Seconds. We request you will procure those Quantities of each Article or, if not the whole, as near as may

C. C. be, without detaining Capt Steward; Bags & empty Barr^{ls} are sent, to save you Trouble & avoid unnecessary Expence to the State.

We are &^{ca}

James Calhoun Esqr

C. B. Friday 2^{d} July 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Eastman Twenty four Pounds for the use of Eastman & Neth due them per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Monday 5th July 1779

Present as on Friday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Daniel Bryan One hundred Pounds on Account

C. C. p. 10 [Council to Saml. and Robt. Purviance.]

In Council Annapolis 5th July 1779

Gent.

Capt Bryan in the Dolphin came up yesterday for a Supply of Stores & Ammunition Part of them, we shall be able to procure here, the Remainder, a List of which we have inclosed, we request the Favor of you to purchase

We are &^{ca}

List. 1 Barr^{l} Flour, 500^{lb} fine Bread, 6 Hams of Bacon, 100^{lb} Brown Sugar, 16^{lb} Loaf D^{o} 1^{lb} Green Tea, 1^{lb} Pepper, 5 Gall^{s} Vinegar, 2 Lead Lines, 30 Gall^{s} Spirit for Officers, 2 Hh^{ds} Rum.

Messrs Saml & Robt Purviance

C. B. Tuesday 6th July 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores at Baltimore deliver to Major Smith and Lieut Sadler Cloth sufficient to make them each a Suit of Cloaths

Wednesday 7th July 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to William

Hopkins a 9 M° Soldier in the 7 Reg^t Discharged Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing and also to William Blades a 9 M° Soldier in the 7 Reg^t Discharged Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing due them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army C. B.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Perrott of the 2^d Regim^t 3 Blankets and 2 pair Shoes for said Regim^t

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Halkerston of the 3^d Reg^t 13 Shirts, 13 Coatees 13 pair Overalls 13 pair Shoes, 13 Blankets & 13 Knapsacks for so many Recruits belonging to the 1 Regim^t and to be charged to the same.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jonathan Rawlings Twenty one Pounds five shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esqr Paymaster one thousand Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir three thousand nine hundred and fifty nine Pounds, five shillings & three pence for the use of Wilkins & Muir per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered that the following Resignation of James Hindman Esquire be inserted

Annapolis June 26th 1779

Sir.

Private business calling me to the Eastern shore, which will detain me some considerable length of time, and thinking it inconsistant to hold a place when I cannot attend to the Duties of it, must request you to accept this as a Resignation of my Seat at your Honorable Board, and am with great Esteem and Respect.

Sir

Your obed^t humble Servt

James Hindman

His Excellency Thomas Johnson

Thursday 8th July 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj^t Lamb 1 Coatee 1 p^r Overalls 1 Blanket, & 1 Knapsack for a Recruit of the 5 Reg^t & 1 Knapsack for a Recruit of 1st Regim^t

Ordered that Mr Goldsmith deliver to Capt Gordon 2 Sides Leather for the Independence Galley

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William

C. B. Brown Four Pounds eighteen shill^{gs} and four Pence and Thirteen Pounds per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. Genl and Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the said Treasurer pay to Zephaniah Turner Esqr Two hundred and forty nine Pounds fifteen shillings for the use of John H. Stone, Seven Pounds ten Shillings for the use of Abraham Barron and four Pounds twelve shillings and six Pence for the use of William Barton Smoot per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

Friday 9th July 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that Mr Crisall deliver to Capt Bryan 10 Barrels Pork for the use of the Gallies

Mr James Williams in behalf of himself and Mr Samuel Chase agrees with the Governor and Council for the 10 four Pounders on board the Johnson at £1000 p^{r} pair to be paid for at the same Time that the Money for the Gallies is to be paid

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Woolman Gibson Twenty two Pounds seventeen shillings & six Pence due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Lynch two hundred and Eighty one Pounds five shillings due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Lynch Two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Lieut John Bailey of the 3^{d} Reg^{t} to be expended in the recruiting Service and to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Lynch of the 5th Regim^{t} Six hundred Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & to be Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beard Three hundred and Fifty one Pounds due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Lynch serge Demin suff^{t} for 3 pair Breeches for Lieut Bailey of the 3^{d} Reg^{t} & Capt Cromwell & Lieut Shelmerdine of the 4th Reg^{t} to be charged accordingly & suff^{t} for 2 p^{r} for himself

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Bagness 2 pair of Trousers

Copy of the Inclosure of General Washingtons Letter of the 28 May 1779

"A List of Officers included in the General Roster of Maryland Officers, not originally appointed by the State

" Benjamin Garnett	1st	Lieut, 5th	Regt	13th Oct. 1778	C. B.
" Parker Hall Lee	1	Lieut, 4th	Do	16th Oct. 1778	
" William Trueman Stoddert	1	Lieut, 5th	Do	21 May 1779	
William Adams	2	Lieut, 7th	Do	14 Apr. 1778	

This Board have Resolved to appoint the above Persons to their Commissions agreeable to the Recommendation of General Washington in his Letter of the 28th May 1779

[Council to Commodore Grason.] C. C. p. 11

In Council Annapolis 9th July 1779

Sir.

The Dolphin returns to you with what you wrote for, except the Double Headed Shot, which could not be got, at least in the Quantity desired. The Merchants are very desirous that the Gallies should stay down longer than the appointed Time; if your Vessels and the Health of your Crews will allow it and the Men agree to it, we should be glad you would prolong your Cruise, but you know the Promise we gave which we would by no Means break for a temporary Advantage.

We are &ca

Commodore Grason.

[Council to Washington.]

In Council Annapolis 9th July 1779

Sir

Your circular Letter of the 22d of May, in great Measure, occasioned a Call of our Assembly which is to meet the 15th Inst. We have to regret that Congress did not earlier make their Requisition on the States to fill up their Quotas of Troops and that Cloathing was not, we suppose could not be, sent with the Recruiting Officers. We have not been altogether without Success, tho' it is much short of our Wishes. Your Letter of the 28th May came to Hand only the 2d Inst inclosed is a Confirmation of the Officers who were the Subject & Occasion of it. There have been some few Applications to us for Appointments in the Maryland Line, such as from Recommendations we were satisfied would do Credit to it, we have gratified

We are with the greatest Regard &ca

In Council 9th July 1779

His Excellency General Washington having inclosed in his Letter to the Governor, a List of Officers in the general Roster

C. C. of Maryland Officers not originally appointed by the State to wit:

Benj[a] Garnett	1st Lieu[t]	5th Reg[t]	13 Oct[r] 1778
Parker Hall Lee	D°	4.	16 Oct[r] 1778
W[m] Truemann Stoddart	D°	5.	21 May 1779
William Adams	2 Lieu[t]	7.	14 April 1778

This Board appoint the said Persons to the respective Offices aforesaid and request that Commissions may issue according to their first Appointment.

T. I.

His Ex[y] Gen[l] Washington

C. B. Saturday 10th July 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Major Levin Winder of the 1st Regim[t] 10½ yards Serge Demin

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Lansdale One hundred and Fifty Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

Monday 12th July 1779

Present as on Saturday except T Sim Lee & Dan[l] Carroll Esquires

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Crapper Nineteen Pounds seventeen shillings & Six Pence due him per Acc[t] passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Gordon One thousand Pounds on Account.

Tuesday 13th July 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Comm[y] of Stores deliver to Cap[t] Geo. Keeports 40 Coatees, & 20 p[r] Shoes for the use of the Recruits in Balt° to be deliv[d] to L[t] Shelmerdine & Serge Demin suff[t] for 2 p[r] Breeches to be deliv[d] to Col° Forrest, 1 p[r] to L[t] Bailey 1 p[r] to Cap[t] Cromwell & 1 p[r] for L[t] Shelmerdine & 1 Blanket for Capt. Lynch

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Stephen Shelmerdine of the 4 Reg[t] three thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Capt. Thomas Cromwell and three thousand Dollars for himself to be expended in the Recruiting Service and to be Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen one thousand

& twenty five Pounds five shillings and six pence due him per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl C. B.

[Council to Capt. Keeports.] C. C. p. 11

In Council Annapolis 13th July 1779

Sir

Col^o Forrest writes that you have on Hand some Shoes, Overalls & about 300 y^ds of Oznab^s which you could immediately get made into Shirts, we wish you to have the Oznab^s made into Shirts and deliver for each Recruit a pair of Shoes, Overalls & a Shirt, taking Receipts from the Officers. We are sorry that the Pork turns out so bad, you must sell it for the best you can, the smaller the Quantities the better, to prevent Purchasers selling again.

We send an immediate Supply to Maj^r Smith

We are &^ca

Capt Keeports.

[Council to Col. Forrest.]

In Council Annapolis 13th July 1779

Sir.

We have drawn the Money for Capt Bailey & Mr Shelmerdine as you desire and have wrote to Mr Keeports to have the Oznab^s made up into Shirts & the Cloathing delivered. If Cloathing could be sent to you from the Continental Stores, it would greatly facilitate the Recruiting Service and in some Measure prevent Successful Desertion, we wish you would press for 100 or 150 Suits Shirts & Hats. Col^o Stone sent 15 Recruits 2 deserted at Marlbro' and two here; the State Boat is cleaning, we hope to send the remaining Recruits off in her this Evening; the Boat shall call at Whetstone Point for yours, as you request, 40 Linen Coatees go up in her. We wish to be furnished with a Return of the Recruits and to which Regiments they belong, as far as they can be ascertained in Order to lay before the Assembly

We are &^ca

Col^o Uriah Forrest.

Friday 16 July 1779 C. B.

Present as on Tuesday. Thomas Sim Lee & Daniel Carroll Esquires Attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John

C. B. Ward Veazey twelve thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Col° William Henry to be by him expended in the purchase of Wheat & Flour and Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to John Ward Veazey Fifty thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Flour & Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to James Hodges Ten Pounds due him per Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

Agreeable to the Resolution of Congress of the 6th Instant Permission is hereby given to the Ship Defence now lying in the Port of Baltimore to Lade and Transport a Cargoe of Provisions for the use of and to be delivered to the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty, the said Ship clearing out at the proper Office and previously to her clearing out the Captain delivering into such Office a Manifest of her Lading and he together with two other of the Principal Officers of the same Ship making Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that such Manifest contains a true account of the Lading of the said Ship and that no other Provisions of any kind have been to their knowledge or belief or shall be with their privity or consent Laden or put on board such Ship other than such as are for the Subsistance of her Crew and have been or shall be allowed and Permitted by the Naval Officer and that they will use their utmost Endeavors to deliver the whole Cargoe of Provisions aforesaid to the proper Person or Persons to receive the same for the use of the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty. And the Agent or Agents employed in directing the Loading of the said Ship also making Oath that the Provisions mentioned in the said Manifest are Shipped and designed to be transported in the said Ship for the use of the Navy of his most Christian Majesty & for no other purpose to the best of his knowledge & Belief

C. C. p. 12

[Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

In Council Annapolis 16th July 1779

Sir.

By our Letter of the 11th June, we informed you that Mr Morris, by his Letter by that Day's Post desired a Part of the Flour purchased in this State, to be delivered to the Comm^y Genl and we requested you that you would deliver to the Comm^y of Issues residing at the Head of Elk, all the Flour which remained in your Hands of the Purchase of this State: we also, on the same Day, wrote a like Letter to Mr S. Gilpin & Mr J. W. Veazey supposing that what was sent forward and what then remained in your & those Gentlemen's Hands would

amount to about 5000 Barr[ls] the Quantity ordered for the Army. C. C.
We have received by this Post, a Letter from M[r] Morris desiring a different Disposition of the other 5000 Barr[ls] of the State Purchase, but from a Conversation with M[r] Veazey we are apprehensive that the Flour purchased by M[r] Dallam & that purchased by Col[o] Henry, is removing for Philad[a] which, if so, will disable us from furnishing the 5000 Barr[ls] agreeable to the last Letter; and from your Letter of the 21st June to M[r] Veazey, it seems to have been from Orders you have received, independent of us, or from your mistaking ours. What of Col[o] Henry's Flour lies much more convenient to Delaware than this Bay ought to go, but we cannot apply of our Purchase, more than 5000 Barr[ls] for the Comm[ys] including all that has been sent before and since our Letter of the 11th of June, of the State Purchase, and we wish you to send us an Account of as soon as may be. If any remains beyond that Quantity, we wish it to be sent to Baltimore to M[r] W[m] Smith with an Invoice.

We are &[ca]

Col[o] Henry Hollingsworth.

[Council to Col. W. Henry.]

In Council Annapolis 16th July 1779

Sir.

We have sent you by M[r] John Ward Veazey, the £12000 you wrote for. We have for some Time past refused to let any Body go into New York, nor see any Propriety in changeing a Resolution which we rather wish was general in every State. We had ordered about 5000 Barr[ls] of the Flour purchased by the State, to Philad[a] the Rest, by a Letter rec[d] to Day from the Honb[le] Gov[r] Morris Esq[r] is to be sent to Balt[o] to M[r] W[m] Smith We wish you, M[r] J. W. Veazey, & Col[o] H. Hollingsworth would meet together & agree on the most convenient to be sent to Philad[a] to make up the 5000 Barr[ls]; the Rest of your Purchase, we request you to forward to M[r] Smith with proper Invoices. The Bran, Shorts & Ship Stuff we would have delivered to Col[o] Hollingsworth. Pray wind up this Business as soon as you possibly can and close & settle your Account, as we may be able to render the Congress a General Account. Expedition is the more necessary, as the State is like to be considerably in Advance, 'til the general Acc[t] can be rendered.

We are &[ca]

Col[o] W[m] Henry.

C. C. [Council to R. Buchanan and others.]

Circular. In Council Annapolis 16th July 1779

Sir.

We just now received a Letter from the Honble Govr Morris Esqr desiring that 5000 of the 10000 Barr^ls^ of Flour purchased by this State, may be forwarded to William Smith Esqr of Baltimore; we therefore request that you will forward all the Flour purchased under your Appointment now in your Hands with proper Invoices to Baltimore, addressed to Mr Smith and that you will finish this Business as quick as possible and make a final Settlement of your Accounts, that we may be able to settle a General Account with the Congress, it is the more necessary, as the State is like to be considerably in Advance 'til that is done.

We are &^ca^

To

Robt Buchanan	Balt^o^
James Govane	Balt^o^
Col^o^ Richd Dallam	Harf^d^
Co^l^ Wm Hemsley	Q. Ann
Co^l^ Jno Thompson	Q. Ann
Richd Brooke	Montgom^y^
Thos Richardson	Montgom^y^
W^m^ M^c^Bryde	Som^t^
Col^o^ Isaac Perkins	Kent

p. 13 [Council to W. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 16th July 1779

Sir.

A few Days ago we rec^d^ a Letter from the Presid^t^ of Congress, covering a Resolution of the 6th Ins^t^ of which you have a Copy inclosed. We send you a Permit corresponding as we think, with the Idea of Congress. If the Vessel could stop here, perhaps it might add to her Security to have from hence a Certificate at once indorsed on her Manifest, that she was suffered to export the Cargo, under the Recommendation of Congress, but if she cannot conveniently stop, it will be well that the Capt be furnished with the inclosed Permit and Copy of the Resolution of Congress. You have inclosed a Copy of Mr Morris's Letter rec^d^ by this Day's Post: in Consequence of it we have wrote to Mr Buchanan, Mr Govane, Col^o^ Dallam, Col^o^ Henry of Kent, Col^s^ Hemsley & Thompson of Queen Ann, Capt Richardson & Maj^r^ Brooke of Montgom^y^ M^r^ W^m^ M^c^Bryde of Som^t^ & Col^o^ Isaac Perkins of Kent to send you without Delay what Flour they have & instructed J. W.

Veazey of Cecil who happened here, to send you what of his may remain after complying with former Orders. We do not know the exact Quantity, but expect it will be ab^{t} 5000 Bar^{ls} It will be as much, unless Col^{o} H. Hollingsworth has exceeded our Orders in that sent forward for the Army. Advise us from Time to Time whether you hear from the Genl C. C.

We are &^{ca}

Wm Smith Esqr Balt^{o}

Saturday 17 July 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn two hundred and Eighty five Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Sim Lee Esquire One hundred and Eighty nine Pounds due him for his Attendance in Council

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Edward Wright of the 7th Regiment one thousand five hundred Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service & to be Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Roper Forty two Pounds, ten shillings due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Edward Wright of the 7th Reg^{t} Serge Denim for a Waistcoat & Breeches

Commissions of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to John Martin Com^{r} of the Sloop Swallow 50 Tons burthen, mounting 6 Carriage Guns, 6 Swivels & 12 small Arms, also to Henry Geddes, Commander of the Schooner Greyhound 50 Tons burthen mounting 6 Carriage Guns, 6 Swivels & 11 small Arms belonging to John Dorsey & Co Baltimore

[Council to E. Oswald and others.] C. C. p. 13

Circular In Council Annapolis 17th July 1779

Sir.

William Goddard having exhibited to us a Memorial complaining of the Conduct of William Spear, James Calhoun, George Lindenberger and Abraham Van Bibber as Magistrates; this Board hath appointed Monday the 26th Day of this Ins^{t} for hearing the Parties thereon: you are mentioned on the Part of Mr Goddard as a Witness and your Attendance is

C. C. desired by him, wherefore we request your Attendance on that Day accordingly

We are &ca

Colo Eleazer Oswald, Balto Wm Whetcroft Annaps
Jno Gray, Andw Wilson, Jas Welch, Chas Williams,
Jno Hammond, Chas Leavly, Gerrard Hopkins and
Englehard Yeiser, Baltimore

[Council to W. Goddard.]

In Council Annapolis 17th July 1779

Sir.

We have appointed Monday the 26th Inst for hearing the Parties with their Witnesses on your Memorial presented to this Board against the Conduct of Messrs Spear, Calhoun Lindenberger & Van Bibber as Magistrates, when we expect all concerned will attend here

We are &ca

Mr Wm Goddard

[Council to W. Spear and others.]

In Council Annapolis 17th July 1779

Gent.

Inclosed you will receive a Copy of a Memorial exhibited to this Board by Mr William Goddard complaining of your Conduct as Magistrates. We have appointed Monday the 26th Inst for hearing all Parties thereon at which Time we request your Attendance here with the Witnesses you may think proper to have examined on the Occasion. We do not claim a Power to compel the Attendance of Witnesses but if our Request will be an additional Inducement to those whose Evidence may be thought material, to attend, we shall readily use our Instances for that Purpose, with any Body to whom they may be necessary

We are &ca

Wm Spear, Jas Calhoun, Geo. Lindenberger
and Abraham Van Bibber Esqrs

C. B. Monday 19 July 1779

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo John Thompson four thousand Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Wheat & Flour & Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Maj^{r} John Eccleston one thousand six hundred Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service to be charged to 2^{d} Regim^{t} C. B.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Major John Eccleston of the 5th Reg^{t} Serge Demin for a Jacket & 2 p^{r} Breeches

Ordered that Col^{o} Isaac Perkins of Kent County pay to Col^{o} John Thompson of Queen Ann's County all the Public Money remaining in his Hands unexpended.

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Jeremiah Yellot Commander of the Schooner Felicity 60 Tons burthen mounting 6 Carriage Guns 6 Swivels and 12 Small Arms, belonging to Jesse Hollingsworth & others of Baltimore.

Tuesday 20 July 1779

Present as on Yesterday. Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Eccleston Twelve Pounds, eleven shillings and two pence for the use of James Sullivane due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

The Council have lent Mr Samuel Chase 2 4 Pounders with Carriages from the Independence Galley of Dorsey's make to be returned in kind or paid for

Wednesday 21 July 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Christ^{o} Johnson four hundred & fifty four Pounds fourteen shillings & six pence for the use of Messrs Isaac & Thorowgood Smith per Acc^{t} passed by A. G^{l}

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Sim Lee Esquire Fifty six Pounds, five shillings for the use of Mrs Urquheart ꝑ acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Gilbert Middleton One hundred & three Pounds, six shillings and six pence ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

Matthew Ridley a Native of Great Britain who left this State about the year 1775 and hath since been absent in Parts beyond the Sea and is now lately that is to say within three Months last past returned into this State appeared before the Governor and Council and before them did take repeat and Subscribe the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State contained in the Act entitled "An Act to punish certain Crimes and Misdemeanors and to prevent the Growth of Toryism."

C. B. Thursday 22d July 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjt Rose of the 1st Regt 5 Coatees 5 pair Shoes, 5 pair Overalls, 1 Shirt and 1 Hat, for so many Recruits of the 1st Regim

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to John Brown the amount of Twenty seven Pounds, thirteen shillings and four Pence for the use of Arnold Longfellow who was a 9 Mo Soldr in the 7th Regimt Discharged, due him in Cloathing per Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the western shore Treasurer pay to William McKillow a 9 Mo Soldier in the 1 Regimt & reinlisted in the same Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings due him in lieu of Cloathing allowed by the Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the said Treasurer pay to William Rose thirteen Pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

Serjeant William Rose, You are to receive of Cap. McKirdy of the Brig Tom Johnson 2 British Prisoners, James Ware Sailing Master and George Dickes Sailor, taken in the Sloop Bishop a Privateer from New York and deliver them with this to the Keeper of the Prison where such are confined in Philadelphia

John Hunt formerly a Resident of Baltimore who left this State in the Month of September 1775 and returned hither within these 10 Days last past appeared before the Governr and Council and before them did take repeat & Subscribe the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State and also John McKirdy formerly a Resident of this State who left the same in the Month of Septr 1775 & returned hither within these 16 Days last past appeared before the Governor & Council and before them did take repeat & Subscribe the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State.

Friday 23d July 1779

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice two hundred and four Pounds, for his Attendance in Council to the 21 Inclusive

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel H. Howard Two hundred & fifty seven Pounds seventeen shillgs & six Pence for the use of Saml H. Howard & Co per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William C. B.
Smoot Two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Lieut Samuel M^c^Pherson and two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Lieut William Bruce both of the 1 Regim^t^ to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde, two hundred and twenty eight Pounds for the use of Stephen Steward Junr due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Serj^t^ Perrott of the 2^d^ Regim^t^ six hundred Dollars for the recruiting Service to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Nathan Williams of the 6th Regim^t^ Four thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service & Accounted for.

Saturday 24 July 1779

Present as on Yesterday except Thomas Sim Lee Esqr

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Nathan Williams of the 6th Regim^t^ Serge Denim suff. for 2 p^r^ Breeches & Stuff for a Coat.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Mr Lafargue two thousand seven hundred and seventy five Pounds, two shillings and ten pence for the use of and to be delivered over to Samuel & Robert Purviance per Account passed by the Aud. Genl.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Roper Fifty seven Pounds six shillings due him per Account passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir Twenty two Pounds, ten shillings for the use of Mary Ann Minskey per Acc^t^ passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Fourteen Pounds eleven shillings and Eight Pence for 1 M° Allowance as Messenger to the Govr & Council to this Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to his Exellency Thomas Johnson Esqr two hundred and Eight Pounds, six shillings and Eight Pence due him for 1 M° Att^a^ as Govr to the 9 Inst.

Commissions issued to Walter Hanson, Daniel Jenifer George Dent, John Dent, Robert Young, Warren Dent, Richard Barnes, William Harrison, John Parnham, Walter Hanson Jenifer John Lancaster, Joshua Sanders, Walter Winters Senr of Jn° Samuel Hanson jun^r^, Jonathan Yeates Haskins Hanson, John Morton, Bennett Dyson, & John Digges appointed Justices of the Peace for Charles County also to Daniel Jenifer, George Dent, John Dent, Robert Young & Warren Dent appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for Charles County

C. B. Monday 26 July 1779

Present as on Saturday. Thomas Sim Lee Esq. Attended

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Gale Serge Denim sufficient for a Suit of Cloathes

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Green three hundred and sixty one Pounds, nineteen shillings and three pence due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Robert Caulfield commander of the Schooner Baltimore 50 Tons burthen mounting 6 Carriage Guns & 8 small Arms belonging to William Smith & others of Baltimore

Tuesday 27 July 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Gordon Sixty nine Pounds two shillings and six Pence for the Use of Matthias Messersmith also Ninty four Pounds, eleven shillings and three pence and one thousand and forty five Pounds due himself per Accounts passed by the Aud^{r} General.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Calhoun Esqr one thousand six hundred and ten Pounds six shillings due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Tripolett, two thousand seven hundred and twenty four Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence due for Damages of Her Houses &^{ca} per Account allowed by the House of Delegates and passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Anthony Smith a Soldier in the 1 Regim^{t} 1 Shirt and Check suff^{t} for a p^{r} Overalls

That the said Commissary deliver to Elisha McDaniel a 9 M^{o} Sold^{r} in the 7th Reg^{t} Discharged twenty four Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing and also William Briggs a 9 M^{o} Soldier in the 7 Reg^{t} Discharged Twenty eight Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing due them by the Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the said Commissary deliver to Serj^{t} John Neary (per Lrē from Col^{o} Stone) of the 1 Reg^{t} 4 p^{r} Shoes, 2 Coatees 1 p^{r} Overalls, 2 Hatts and one pair Leather Breeches

Ordered that the Lieutenant of Dorchester County send forward to Chester Ton in Kent County under a proper Guard of the Militia of Dorchester County the British prisoners of War sent by the Lieutenant of Somerset County to Cambridge and that the said prisoners be delivered at Chester Town to the Lieut of Kent County who is to send

them under a suff^t Guard of the Militia of his County to Wilmington where they are to be delivered to the Principal Officer of the Delaware State residing there in order that they may be sent from thence to Philadelphia with this Order that they may be there imprisoned till Exchanged. The Continental issuing Commissaries are desired to furnish the Guards and Prisoners with Provisions for their Subsistance this being properly a Continental Charge and no other Provision being established at least on this Rout. C. B.

[Council to Rev. J. J. Wilmer.] C. C. p. 13

In Council Annapolis 27th July 1779

Sir

We just now rec^d your Letter of Yesterday. It is not in our Power to issue a Warrant aga^st any Body, unless an Oath is previously made of such Persons having committed the Crime for which the Warrant is issued. Any Magistrate is competent to take your Oath & issue a Warrant and if you know Wm Sluby to be guilty of High Treason, it is undoubtedly a Duty you owe the Public to apply to a Magistrate immediately to have him secured.

We are &^ca

Revd Ja^s Jno Wilmer.

[Council to H. Hooper.] p. 14

In Council Annapolis 27th July 1779

Sir.

We just received your Letter respecting the British Prisoners. For several Reasons we would prefer marching them by Land to Philad^a for here we have no Prison which would hold them an Hour, and they would be quite out of the Way of Exchange. Inclosed is an Order for their Route ; the Distance is rather farther than we should have wished your Militia to go with them but that, we imagine they would be detained any where else, to get another Guard, and at Chester, we presume they may be instantly discharged. If there is no Issuing Commissary at or in the Neighbourhood of Cambridge, from whom you can draw for the Guard & Prisoners 'til they get to Chester, we request the Favor of you to have Provisions purchased.

We are &^ca

Henry Hooper Esqr }
L^t of Dor. County }

C. B.

Wednesday 28 July 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieu^{t} Jacques Bagness of Capt Campbells C^{o} of Matrosses as much Serge Demin as will make a Suit of Cloaths

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Danl Proctor a 9 M^{o} Soldier in the 5th Regim^{t} Discharged Twenty eight Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing, David Welsh a 9 M^{o} Sold^{r} in the 6 Regim^{t} Discharged, Sixteen Pounds, thirteen shillings & six Pence in Cloathing William Greenwood a 9 M^{o} Sold^{r} in the 5 Reg^{t} Discharged Twenty seven Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing, Michael Impey a 9 M^{o} Sold^{r} in the 5 Reg^{t} Discharged Twenty eight Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing & Charles Diamond a 9 M^{o} Sold^{r} in the 5th Reg^{t} Disch^{d} Twenty eight Pounds ten shill^{gs} in Cloathing due them by the Act of Ass^{y} to procure Troops for the American Army

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Mark Alexander five hundred and thirty six Pounds due him for Damages done his House and Rent ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Thursday 29 July 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Isaac McKey a 9 M^{o} Soldier in the 5th Reg^{t} Twenty seven Pounds in Cloathing & to John Ryalls a 9 M^{o} Soldier of the 5th Regim^{t} Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing, due them by Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Doct^{r} John Johnson Serge Demin suff^{t} for a Suit of Cloaths

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Sadler of Capt Furnivals C^{o} of Matrosses in Baltimore 10 yds Serge Dimin with Trimings

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Cowman One hundred and Eighty Pounds for the use of Thomas Snowden per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Smoot one hundred and nineteen Pounds three shillings and six pence & twenty eight Pounds, five shillings due himself also six Pounds for the use of Jacob Staten per Acc^{ts} passed by the Aud. Genl and six Pounds, three shillings and nine pence for the use of Jesse Wall a 9 M^{o} Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} Discharged bal^{a} due him in leiw of Cloathing allowed by the General Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to William Logan one hundred and forty Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud Genl

[Council to R. Dallam and others.] C. C. p. 14

In Council Annapolis 29th July 1779

Sir

By a Letter received from Mr Wm Smith, to whom the Flour remaining of your Purchase was to be delivered, we are advised a Part of the Quantity he was to receive is to be forwarded for the Army and he is desirous of saving the Expence of transporting it to Balto and then again to the Head of Elk; wherefore we request you to comply with any Orders he may have given or may give concerning what remains in your Hands.

We are &ca

Richd Dallam Harfd
Jno W. Veazey & Saml Gilpin Cecil
Isaac Perkins, Kent, & H. Hollingsworth

[Council to W. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 29th July 1779

Sir.

We just now recd a Letter from Colo Henry, of which the inclosed is a Copy & in answer thereto have wrote him to follow the Directions you have given or may give respecting the Flour in his Hands; he will probably expect to hear from you again respecting that Part which lies convenient to Delaware. We have also wrote to Jno Ward Veazey, Saml Gilpin & Henry Hollingsworth of Cecil & Isaac Perkins of Kent to comply with any Orders you have already given or may give concerning what remains in their Hands & sent the Letters by Colo Henry's Express, who goes by way of Rock Hall. Colo Dallam of Harford happens to be here & we have given the same Directions to him. It is certainly prudent to order such Part as is convenient directly on the Way to its Destination without the accumulated Labour & Expense of carrying it to Baltimore Town and we cannot but approve it as doubtless every Body else will. We have no 4 Pounders, Swivel Shot or Musquet Ball that we can dispose of, at least at present and we have engaged all the Powder we can spare to the Congress; If the Board of War can spare Time to think of it, which they ought to do, as we understand it is wanted. The 6lb shot are here. We ask pardon for not answering your Letter by Mr Calhoun, the Business he and the other Gentn were down on engrossed us from the Rect of your Letter 'til they went away

We are &ca

Wm Smith Esqr

C. C. [Council to Col. W. Henry.]

In Council Annapolis 29th July 1779

Sir.

There have been so many Directions about the Purchase of Flour & the Disposition of it, that the Matter is perplexed and we fear, will not be finished to Satisfaction. The last Instruction we gave you, to forward what remained beyond the 5000 Barrls to Mr Smith was in consequence of a Letter from Mr Govr Morris, since which we have a Letter from Mr Smith informing us he has Orders to send a Part for the Army, though we have no Advice of it from the Commee of Congress: however there can be no Doubt but that Mr Smith is directed as to the Disposition of the Flour and therefore we request that you will attend to any Thing you have received and may receive from him on the Subject. In Order that, he may be informed fully of the Circumstances of your Flour, we shall send him a Copy of your Letter. As to a further Purchase, we can say nothing to it not having any Information of the Mode intended to be pursued for the further Supply of the Army

Colo Wm Henry, Kent

C. B. Friday 30 July 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Daniel Bryan two hundred & ninty one Pounds, ten shillings due himself and Hands of the Boat Dolphin and one hundred and four Pounds, seven shillings and six pence due him per Accts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Sadler one hundred and twenty seven Pounds seven shillings and six Pence due him per Acct passed by the Aud. Genl and also the further sum of two hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Commodore Grason one hundred Pounds for the use of Capt Robert Dashiell on Account.

Ordered that Colo William Richardson of Caroline County deliver to Capt Steward of the Boat Plater all the Pork in his Possession belonging to the State

Saturday 31 July 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Dallam one hundred and twenty one Pounds fourteen shillings

and Eleven pence due him per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl and also the further Sum of Six thousand Pounds to pay for Grain & Flour Purchased by him to be Accounted for C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Bordley Esqr Twenty five Pounds for the use of Peter Rich due him p Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Roper Seventy seven Pounds, twelve shillings and six Pence per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^o Henry Hollingsworth Forty one Pounds for the use of Samuel Evans per Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Gilpin Twenty three thousand, eight hundred and forty four Pounds, seventeen shillings and nine pence p Acc^t Exam^d & passed by the Aud. General

Commission issued to Dyre Betton appointed Surveyor of Queen Anns County

Monday 2^d August 1779

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Beriah Maybury one hundred and thirty two Pounds, fifteen shillings and nine pence balance of Acc^t passed by the Auditor Genl and also the further Sum of One hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr One hundred and fifty Pounds for 3 M^o Salary as Clk to the Governor and Council to the 1st Instant

That the said Treasurer pay to William Watson One hundred and twenty Pounds, due him per Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Com^o Thomas Grason Fifty seven Pounds, three shillings and six Pence for the use of 4 Men of the Chester Galley per Pay roll examined and passed by the Dep^y Aud.

Samuel Chase's Receipt for 200 3 pound Ball, 30 Pikes, & 16 4 pound ball (filed)

[Council to General Assembly.] C. C. p. 15

August 2^d 1779

Gen^t of the General Assembly.

Most of the Officers of the Maryland Line who were ordered on the Recruiting Service, on their coming here for an

c. c. Advance of the Bounty Money, requested to be informed by the Council and myself, what was the Allowance from this State to the Recruiting Officers, alledging, I believe truly, that their Pay was not near adequate to bear their Expences on this Business; we informed the Gen^t that there was no State Allowance to the Recruiting Officers, beyond sixteen Dollars for each Recruit, but that we had no Doubt the General Assembly were well disposed to reimburse the Officers the actual Expences, at least, which they might necessarily be at in prosecuting the Recruiting Service, advised them to keep an Account of their Expences and promised to mention the Matter to you. I do it Gentlemen under a Confidence that the bare mention of it is fully sufficient. I beg Leave also to lay before you a Letter from Maj^r Nathaniel Smith. From verbal Conversation, from Time to Time, with several of the Officers of the Matross Company in Annapolis, they are under the like Impressions and entertain the like Expectations as the Officers of the Matrosses in Baltimore. I could wish, if it is your Pleasure to do any Thing for the Relief of those Gen^t that your Bounty may be clearly and fully expressed, without referring to what is allowed in the Army, of which I am, in most Instances, altogether uninformed and thereby prevent any Misunderstanding or Uneasiness from an Apprehension that the Construction of the Governor & Council is not so liberal as your Intention.

Genl Assembly.

[Council to W. Bordley.]

In Council Annapolis 2^d August 1779

Sir.

Your Letter of the 31st July with its Inclosures came to Hand yesterday. Chambers, by the 2^d Sect. of the 20th Chap. of Feby Session 1777, is guilty of Treason and so are those who have afforded him any Aid or Comfort, or have given him any Intelligence of the warlike Preparations or Designs of the United States or any of them. Wilmer's Deposition ought to have been more circumstantial, it does not mention how or in what Manner he was privy: his bare Concealment of the Treason of those who aided or comforted Chalmers, will bring him within the 3^d Sect. of the Act, and we think you ought to bind him over to the General Court. This Matter was no further before us than on a Letter from Mr Wilmer, desiring Sluby might be secured, and that he would impeach him of Treason, to which we immediately gave an Answer, advising him that an Oath was necessary previous to a Warrant's

issuing; that any Magistrate was competent to administer the Oath and issue a Warrant, and that if he knew of Sluby's being guilty of High Treason, it was a Duty he undoubtedly owed the Public, to apply to a Magistrate immediately to have him secured; that Letter, shewed to you, would have let you pretty well into our Sentiments. We have seen Mr Paca on the Part of your Letter regarding Thomas Storey. It will be highly proper, on his not producing a Certificate and refusing to take the Oath, which ought to be tendered to him, to commit him to Prison and certify us of it, that we may either remand him to Prison or send him back to his own State. There is no Criterion by our Laws to determine who are and who are not Residents, it is much wanted and our Act for the Better Security of the Government seems defective, in not obliging new Setlers to take the Oath to this State. If Mr Tilghman has, as we have understood, taken the Oath of Allegiance to Pennsylvania, and produces his Certificate, we do not know of any legal Way to prevent his residing in this State. C. C.

We are &^ca^

Wm Bordley Esqr
Lieu^t^ of Kent County

Tuesday 3^d^ August 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John Bailey of the 3^d^ Regim^t^ two thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for

Wednesday 4th August 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Isaac Rawlings of Captain Campbells C^o^ of Matrosses as much Serge Denim as will make a Suit of Cloaths

That the said Commissary deliver to Zadock Tomlinson a 9 M^o^ Soldier in the 7th Reg^t^ Discharged, twenty eight Pounds in Cloathing and also Twenty five Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing for John Guise a 9 M^o^ Sold^r^ in the same Reg^t^ Discharged due them by the Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles M^c^Connell Fifty five Pounds two Shillings and six pence for the use of William Judah, to be charged to him on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Four Pounds ten shillings for Wafers Bought for the Council

C. B. Commission issued to John Hammond appointed Ensign of Captain James Bordley's Company in the Twentieth Battalion of Militia in Queen Annes County

Thursday 5th August 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Joseph Harris a 9 M° Soldier in the 5 Regt Dischd Twenty nine Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing. Robert Wood for John Cypher a 9 M° Soldier in the 7 Regimt and also for John Campbell a 9 M° Soldr in the same Regt Twenty nine Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing for each due them per Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the A Army

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Liden Thirty seven Pounds ten shillings due him per Acct passed by the Depy And.

That the said Treasurer pay to Archibald Job six hundred Pounds for the use of & to be delivered over to Richard Bond of Cecil County p Acct passed by the Aud. Gl

C. C. p. 15 [Council to S. Purviance.]

In Council 5th August 1779

Sir.

We are very desirous of setling with our Matrosses in such Manner as to give no Uneasiness. We understood the Money which was advanced them before they sailed, was in Part of their monthly Pay and not as a Bounty. We shall be glad to be informed, by the earliest Opportunity, what you did pay them exactly and for what Purposes, and whether it was inclusive or exclusive of what they were entitled to as Matrosses, as well as the Satisfaction made the Officer who went with them.

We are &ca

Saml Purviance Junr

C. B. Friday 6th August 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to James Devins a 9 M° Soldier in the 2d Regimt Dischd the amt of twenty one Pounds, two shillings in Cloathing due him per Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Hughes Esqr Five Pounds three shillings for the use of John Lydey,

Seven Pounds, ten shillings & seven Pounds, ten shillings for the use of Philip Erehart, Twenty nine Pounds, eight shillings and five pence for the use of Capt. John Househalter & his Comp^y^ & two hundred and twelve Pounds, three shillings and eight pence for the use of Capt George Schuingly & his Comp^y^ due them per Acc^ts^ passed by the Aud. Genl C. B.

Saturday 7th August 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Gresham, twelve Pounds seventeen shillings and six pence for the use of John Scott ꝑ Acc^t^ passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette seventy five Pounds per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Cromwell Forty three Pounds eight shillings due him ꝑ Acc^t^ passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

Monday 9 August 1779

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Early a 9 M^o^ Sold^r^ in the 7 Regim^t^ Disch^d^ Twenty nine Pounds ten shillings due him in leiw of Cloathing allowed by the Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the A. Army

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Remington a 9 M^o^ Sold^r^ in the 7 Regim^t^ Disch^d^ twenty nine Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing and also to Charles Coventry a 9 M^o^ Sold^r^ in the same Regim^t^ Discharged, Twenty nine Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing due them by Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the A. Army

Tuesday 10 August 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Littell Twenty Pounds twelve shillings and six pence due him per Acc^t^ passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Long Thirty nine Pounds, fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Acc^t^ passed by the Dep^y^ Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^o^ Edward Gaither Two hundred and twelve Pounds twelve shillings due himself and Sundry of the Elk Ridge Battalion for their Service the 24 of May last ꝑ Acc^t^ passed by the Aud. Genl

C. B. Levi Gaunt of Prince Georges County a Person who took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to Act of Assembly, having requested Leave to have an Interveiw on the Lines with his Uncle Lieut Rignal Hilliary of the Maryland Continental Troops now a Prisoner in New York in Order to supply him with what is necessary to render his Situation less disagreeable and for a Recommendation to the commanding Officer on the Lines to promote such Interview. This Board give the Leave requested and wish the commanding Officer on the Lines to forward Mr Gaunt's Intentions to relieve Mr Hilliary

Wednesday 11 August 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Ridgely Fourteen Pounds ten shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Gray one Pound, ninteen shillings & four Pence half Penny for the use of Rachael Conway ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Benjamin Dashiell Commander of the Brig Fox 95 Tons Burthen, mounting 8 Carriage Guns, 6 Swivels and 14 small Arms and also to Eaton Rudolph Commander of the Schooner Fly, mounting 2 Carriage Guns, 6 Swivels & 6 small Arms belonging to John Dorsey & Compy Baltimore

C. C. p. 16

[Gov. Johnson to General Assembly.]

August 11th 1779

Gent of the General Assembly

In Consequence of the Request of Congress and under the Impression that a Compliance with it was essential to the General Service, the Council and I delivered ten of the eighteen Pounders belonging to this State on the Terms of their being again returned or their full value being paid, as mentioned in the Letters received from the Board of War and laid before you. I flatter myself that the Conduct of the Council & myself, in this Transaction will not be disapproved and hope you will make the Election reserved, that the Cannon furnished may be speedily returned or their full Value charged to the Continent, as may be most agreeable to you

T. J.

Genl Assembly

Thursday 12th August 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Nicholas a 9 Mo Soldier in the 7 Regt Discharged, Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing, Peter Shaver a 9 Mo Soldr in the same Regt Dischd Twenty six Pounds in Cloathing and also to William Harvey a 9 Mo Soldr in the 6th Regt Dischd Twenty Pounds in Cloathing due them by the Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt William Campbell 62 pair Overalls & 62 Coatees for his Compy of Matrosses in Annapolis

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Hughes Esqr Twenty one Pounds, six shillings and three Pence for the use of Nicholas Hockey ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Audr

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Richard Harwood nine Pounds five shillings due him ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Thomas Watkins Forty Pounds eight shillings due him and his Company whilst on Duty at the City of Annapolis the 16th of May 79 ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Auditor

Friday 13th August 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Tuck, Twenty six Pounds, five shillings due her ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Edward Duvall of the 2d Regt as much serge Denim as will face a Coat and make a pr Breeches and Waistcoat and also a pair of Shoes

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Levin Trippe commander of the Sloop Isabella 60 Tons burthen, mounting 6 Carriage Guns, 4 swivels and 8 small Arms, belonging to William Neill of Baltimore

[Council to Gouverneur Morris.] C. C. p. 16

In Council Annapolis 13th Augt 1779

Sir.

The same Day of our Rect of your Letter of the 13th July, requesting that the 5000 Barls of Flour, which by your former Letter you desired might be kept in this State, might then be forwarded to Wm Smith Esqr of Baltimore, who would receive

c. c. them for Account of Mr Holker, Agent for the Marine of France, we wrote to the several Purchasers appointed by this State to send as quick as possible what Flour remained in their Hands, to Balto to be delivered there to Mr Smith, leaving a Power only in the Purchasers of Cecil & Kent Counties to send, on consulting with Colo Hollingsworth, of the most convenient enough with what had gone before to make up the 5000 Barrls directed to be sent to Philada and the same Day sent a Copy of your Letter and Notice of our Orders to Mr Smith. We thought the Business was executing entirely agreeable to your Idea 'til the Rect of your Letter of the 25th July, a Copy of the Parts of which, relative to this Matter you have inclosed; on receiving it we again wrote to the Purchasers to follow Mr Smith's Orders as to the Disposition of the Flour and advised him we had done so, but the Day of our Rect of Mr Smith's Letter of the 25th July, or the Day before or after Colo Hollingsworth and one of the Purchasers from that Part of the Country happened here, from whom we learnt that 7000 Barrls & upwards had gone forward to Philada. It would have given us Pleasure that the Purchase and Conduct of the 10,000 Barrls of Flour should have been to entire Satisfaction. The Gent who were appointed have generally and, we believe universally, exerted themselves but the Contrary Orders which we have been obliged to give have occasioned them a good Deal of Trouble and prevented their following a setled Plan, by which only Business can be well conducted. We inclose a Copy of your Letter of the 4th Inst recd the Day before yesterday, to Mr Smith which, we have no Doubt, will excite his Exertions

We are &ca

Honble Gouverneur Morris.

[Council to W. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 13th Augt 1779

Sir.

The foregoing is a Copy of a Letter from Mr Morris recd here the Day before yesterday. From the Information we had, upwards of 7000 of the 10,000 Barrls of Flour purchased in this State, were some Time ago, sent to Philada. We have wrote to Mr Morris by this Post, and request you also to write to him giving him any Information you can on the Subject.

We are &ca

Wm Smith Esqr

Saturday 14 August 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. William Campbell 1 Coatee 1 p^r Overalls, 2 Shirts, 2 p^r Shoes, 2 p^r Stockings, 1 Hat and 1 Blanket for Josiah Daudge who enlisted in the room of William Coe

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Peter Houston com^r of the Schooner Johnson 40 Tons Burthen mounting 4 Carriage Guns, 2 Swivels and 6 small Arms belonging to John Maclure, William & Thomas Johnson of Maryland

Commissions issued to David Robertson appointed Capt. in the room of John Reynolds William Dickinson 1 Lieut, William Robertson 2^d Lieut, Aaron Downes Ens^n Cooper Kenderdine Ens. of Capt Thomas Hughletts C^o William Chipley Capt Richard Mason 1 Lieut, Thomas Noots 2^d Lieut, John Green Ens. belonging to the 28th Battalion also to Richard Collison 1 Lieut, Joseph Mullikin 2^d Lieut Henry Bowdle Ens. of Capt John Mitchells C^o Joseph Douglass Capt in the room of Hugh McBride Bentol Stevens 2^d Lieut, James Stafford Ens. of Capt James Douglass's C^o and William Cawsey Ens. of Capt. Richard Andrews C^o belonging to the 14 Battalion of Militia in Caroline County and also to Elisha Purnall app^d Capt. in the room of John Purnall, Jesse Jones 1 Lieut, Benjamin Purnall 2^d Lieut & Thomas Jones Ens belonging to the Sinepuxent Battalion of Militia in Worcester County

By the Advice and Consent of the Council Pardon was granted to Negro James the Slave of Philemon Warfield and Negro Sam the Slave of William Woodward of Ann Arundel County convicted in the County Court of Felony

[Council to Cecil Justices.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 14th August 1779 p. 16

Gen^t

We inclose you the Names of many Inhabitants of your County who were exempted from the Public Assessments imposed preceeding the last Fall Session, a List of such as applied about the same Time as the others and were refused either absolutely or 'til more satisfactory Information and several Petitions for the like or further Relief, lodged with us since. At the Distance we are, it is very difficult if not impossible, to determine who ought to be relieved and to what Extent; your Assistance may greatly aid us and we request the Favor of you to go through the Applications already made or that may

C. C. be signified to you are intended to be made and advise us which ought, in your Opinion, to be granted or rejected and that you will add such Remarks as you think ought to Influence one Way or the other. We think it the Intention of the Legislature, and so wish to conduct ourselves, to give the Relief only in Cases where the Damage done is very great or the Person poor or so that from the Injury he is in considerable Degree disabled from paying the Taxes, and not to discount Taxes generally to the Value of Losses which have happened in many Ways to most People of this State. Be pleased to add whether the Persons applying took the Oath or Affirmation of Fidelity and Support to the State in Time, according to Law. We are &ca

Justices of Cecil County Court.

C. B. Monday 16 August 1779

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esquire

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Hanson Esquire Thirty six Pounds, ninteen shillings and Eleven Pence to be delivered over to Henry Brother per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Thomas Beall six thousand Dollars for the use of himself Capt Adamson Tannehill & Adjut. Josiah Tannehill Officers of that part of the late Rawlings Regim^t raised and recruited in this State in leiw of the Articles allowed to them for the present Year according to the late Act of Assembly

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James O Hara seventy five Pounds allowed to him by this Board up to the present time by Virtue of a Resolve of the General Assembly passed the 7th Day of this Instant.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Shove a 9 M° Soldier in the 5th Reg^t Disch^d the am^t of twenty nine Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing due him by Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

That the said Commissary deliver to James O Hara 1 p^r Shoes and 1 p^r Overalls

Commissions issued to Edward Salmon appointed Capt in the room of Abraham Haff Esqr John Link 1 Lieut, Henry Hinds 2^d Lieut, & James Hooper Ens. belonging to the Frederick Town Battalion of Militia in Frederick County.

C. C. p. 17 [Council to ——— Bush.]

In Council Annapolis 16th August 1779

Sir

We are informed by Letter from the Lieutenant of Kent

County, that Jeremiah Baron & Andrew Miers, two of the Militia who were on the Guard of some British Prisoners to Wilmington, were there, by the Orders of a Regular Officer, for a trifling Inattention which he was pleased to consider as an Insult, forced and confined in a Guard House and that, an Application by Capt Watkins who commanded the Militia Guard, to you, as a Magistrate, you shewed a Disposition which must be approved and commended. An Injury of this Sort, however mortifying to the Individuals who suffered it, considered abstractedly, would not deserve our Interference, but as connected with its Consequences claims our Attention. We therefore request you Sir, to favor us with a State of this Matter, so far as it is within your Knowlege, that, if it was in the arbitrary and aggravated Manner mentioned to us, we may be enabled to represent it properly to Congress. C. C.

We are Sir &^ca

To ——— Bush Esqr
Wilmington

[Council to W. Bordley.]

In Council Annapolis 16th Augt 1779

Sir.

We cannot but feel for the Treatment of Jeremiah Baron & Andrew Miers at Wilmington; be pleased to have their & Capt Watkins's Depositions taken fully and circumstantially and transmitted to us. We write to Mr Bush to send us a State of the Transaction as far as is within his Knowlege and purpose to lay the Whole before Congress, not doubting but that it will be there viewed in the same Light as it is by you & ourselves. We have no Doubt but that even if the Satisfaction which is due, should not be obtained, the Militia on cool Consideration, will not be backward to afford their Service when it may be necessary. From your not mentioning your Rec^t of our Letter of 2^d Ins^t it may have miscarried, wherefore we inclose you a Copy of it, pray forward Mr Bush's Letter.

Wm Bordley Esqr
Lieu^t of Kent County

We are &^ca

Tuesday 17th August 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut John Hardman the amount of twenty two Pounds fifteen shillings in Cloathing for the use of John Mahood, Twenty

C. B. nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing for the use of Joseph Thomas, Four Pounds in Cloathing for the use of William Grace, Twelve Pounds ten shillings for the use of John McCurdy Twelve Pounds, ten shillings for the use of Charles Perry all 9 M° Sold^{rs} in the 2^{d} Regim^{t} Disch^{d} and Twenty nine Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing for the use of John Elvin a 9 M° Sold^{r} in the 6 Reg^{t} Disch^{d} due them by the Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the A. Army

That the said Commissary deliver to Serj. Joshua Lamb of the 1 Reg^{t} 1 Coatee 1 pair Overalls and 1 pair Shoes for a Recruit enlisted by him for said Regim^{t}

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Michael Wallace Surgeon of the 1st Mary^{d} Regim^{t} Two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles allowed to him for the present year according to the late Act of Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Hardman of the 2^{d} Maryland Regim^{t} Two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles allowed as aforesaid

Ordered that John Bullen Quarter Master furnish the Clerk of the General Court with a Waggon to remove such of the Records to Annapolis as he may think proper and that the Waggoners take with them Forrage for their Horses and Provision for themselves that the Public may not be burthened with a greater Expence than what is absolutely necessary

Commissions issued to Samuel Watkins app^{d} 1 Lieut, William Harwood 2^{d} Lieut & Robert Paine Davis Ens. of Capt Thomas Watkins C° in the West River Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County

C. C. p. 17

[Council to Genl. Smallwood.]

In Council Annapolis 17th Augt 1779

Sir.

We inclose you a Copy of an Act of Assembly passed the Day before yesterday in Favor of our Troops, by which you'll see that, for the Present year, instead of all former State Provisions a Sum of Money is given. We wish you to communicate it to the seven Maryland Regiments and the Maryland Part of the German Regiment as soon as possible & cause Returns to be made to us of the Names of the Commiss^{d} & Staff Officers and of the Number of non commissioned Officers & Privates that we may be enabled to issue the Money agreeable to the Intention of the Assembly. We think it would be the best Way for the Officers in general to appoint some Person to receive their Money and for the Pay masters of the Regim^{ts} to appoint the same or some other Person to

receive what is to be issued for the non-commissioned Off^rs^ and Privates. Such of the Officers who are here & call for their Money, will receive it, it has been already ordered to some of them. This Morning we received a Letter from Mr Randall inclosing a Return of Cloathing wanted, it is impossible to procure it. We are &^ca^ C. C.

Genl Smallwood.

[Council to J. Randall.]

In Council Annapolis 17th August 1779

Sir.

We rec^d^ this Morning your Letter of the 24th of July, but never received that you mention to have been wrote from Morris Town about a Month before. By this Opportunity we have inclosed Genl Smallwood a Copy of an Act directing a Sum of Money to be given to the Officers and Men for the present year in Lieu of all other State Provisions, so that of Course, your supplying Tea, Coffee, Spirit &^ca^ as you have hitherto done under your Appointment from this State, ceases and there is no Occasion for issuing Money on that Account. We are much surprized at the scanty Supply of Cloathing by the Continent, especially of Blankets, after having heard of such large Importations of them. We have no Cloathing on Hand, nor have we any Means to get any but what are equally open to the Continental Purchasers who, we suppose are employed and paid to do this Business and we cannot but hope instead of relying on the State, a Strong Representation will be made to Congress. The Cloathing called for, could not be got here in several Months, if at all, for any Price.

We are &^ca^

Mr John Randall.

Wednesday 18th August 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Com^o^ Thomas Grason one thousand, six hundred and forty three Pounds, five shillings & two pence on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Jacob Norris of the 6th Regim^t^ two thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service & to be accounted for

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Jacob Norris of the 6 Reg^t^ two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles allowed to him for the present year according to the late Act of Assembly.

C. B. That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt William Campbell 1 Coatee 1 pair Overalls, 2 pair Stockings 2 pair Shoes, 1 Hat and 1 Blanket for Thomas Franklin Potter enlisted by him allowed under the Act passed July Session last to raise Matrosses in leiw of those ordered to Camp

Commissions of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to Robert Craige Comm^r of the Sloop Bennington 60 Tons burthen, mounting 6 Carriage Guns, 4 Howitz & 10 Small Arms belonging to Capt Alexander Murray & others of Baltimore, and also to William Coward Commander of Schooner Lark, 30 Tons burthen, mounting 4 Swivel Guns 1 Howitz & 4 small Arms, belonging to John Dorsey & Comp^y of Baltimore

C. C. [Council to N. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 18th Augt 1779

Sir

We inclose you a Copy of the late Act of Assembly concerning our State Troops; you will see by it, that one Company of Matrosses out of those at Baltimore & this Place, are to be sent to Camp We wish to have a very exact Return of the Company at Baltimore and to see the Officers here as soon as may be, that we may do this Business as soon & as well as possible We are &^ca

Maj^r Nathl Smith.

p. 18 [Council to Col. Forrest.]

In Council Annapolis 18th Augt 1779

Sir

The Assembly have been pleased to appoint you Auditor General with a Salary of £3000 p^r year We imagine you have been informed of it in a private way and have formed your Determination thereon. We should have inclosed you a Copy of the Resolution of the Assembly by Express, but the Clerk of the House of Delegates went out of Town on Monday Morning having first locked up his Papers. The State of the Public Business makes it desirable an Auditor should be soon qualified to act. We are &^ca

Col^o Uriah Forrest.

C. B. Thursday 19 August 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj. Boone of the 1 Reg^t one pair of Shoes

That the said Commissary deliver to John Brown late a 9 C. B.
M° Sold^r in the 6 Regim^t disch^d the amount of twenty seven Pounds in Cloathing due him by the Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

Commissions issued to the following Persons appointed to receive Subscriptions under the Act entitled an Act to continue the Act of Assembly for enlarging the Powers of the Governor and Council &^ca passed July Session 1779 and the Resolutions of Congress of the 29th Day of June last, viz.

Ann Arundel County. Reubin Merriwither, Richard Harwood jun^r, John Weems.
Saint Marys. Jerem^a Jordon, Henry Reeder, Vernon Hebb
Kent. William Bordley, William Henry, Marmaduke Tilden
Calvert. William Ireland and Doct^r John Bond.
Charles. Walter Hanson, George Dent, Samuel Hanson
Somerset. John Steward, Henry Jackson, William Winder
Talbot. Edward Hindman, John Troup, Joseph Bruff
Cecil. Joseph Gilpin, John Ward Insp^r Baruch Williams
Dorchester. Robert Harrison, William Ennalls, Thomas Hill Airy
Baltimore. Andrew Buchanan, James Calhoun, John Beale Howard
Prince Georges. Christ° Lowndes, David Craufurd, Thomas Claget
Queen Annes. William Hemsley, Philemon Downes, Aquila Brown
Frederick. Normand Bruce, William Ritchie, Wm Luckett jun^r
Worcester. John Dennis, John Selby, Nehemiah Holland
Harford. Alexander Cowan, John Lee Gibson, John Archer
Caroline. Benton Stainton, Nathaniel Potter, Henry Downes jun^r
Washington. Daniel Hughes, Joseph Chapline, William Yeates
Montgomery. William Deakins jun^r Brookes Beall, & Ch^r Greenbury Griffith

Friday 20 August 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Alexander Trueman of the 6th Maryl^d Regim^t two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles allowed to him for the present year according to the late Act of Assembly

C. C.
p. 18

[Council to I. Perkins.]

In Council Annapolis 20th August 1779

Sir.

We want for the use of the State, ten Barrls of fine Flour & forty with only the Bran & Shorts taken out, the first for the Officers, the last for the Men. If you can immediately supply us with that which is good, made of new Wheat, write us your Price and when we may send for it, the sooner the better.

We are &ca

Colo Isaac Perkins

[Council to J. Wilkinson.]

In Council Annapolis 20th Augt 1779

Sir.

We this Moment recd your Letter of the 9th Inst. Mr Jno Randall was, long ago appointed Sub or State Cloathier under the Resolution of Congress of the 23d March last and by a Letter and Return received from him the other Day, we see the Continental Issues have been very deficient. We have no Cloathing on Hand nor any Means to provide it but what are equally open to the Continental Officers, nor is any Money appropriated or System adopted by this State for the Purchase of any. We believe our Assembly expected, as we did, that effectual Measures had long ago been taken to procure a plentiful Supply

We are &ca

James Wilkinson Esqr
Cloathier Genl

C. B.

Saturday 21 August 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Levin Mitchell late a 9 Mo Soldr in the 2d Regimt Dischd the amt of three Pounds, ten shillings & six pence due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

Original

[Gérard to Gov. Johnson.]

A Philadelphie 21 Aout 1779

Monsieur

Je m' empresse d'avoir l'honneur de temoigner à Votre Excellence toute la sensibilité qu 'a excitée en moi la resolution que l'Assemblée Générale de Maryland a prise de permettre

l'exportation directe des provisions de bouche pour les Iles françoises sur la demande qui en Seroit faite par le Ministre ou les serviteurs du Roi mon maître. Cet arrangement est une nouvelle preuve que cet Etat donne de son attachement à l'Alliance et de son zèle pour tout ce qui peut interresser la cause commune ainsi que le bonheur et le salut des sujets respectifs. Vne conduite semblable ne peut que fortiffier de plus en plus la parfaite confiance que toute la conduite de l'Etat dont Votre Excellence est le Chef a déjà inspirée à sa Majesté et j'ose m' en rendre le garant auprès de vous. Original

Permettez moi, Monsieur, de profiter de ce reglement pour prier Votre Excellence de vouloir bien accorder la permission d'exporter successivement d'ici au mois de Novembre prochain 5 à 6000 barils de farine et 5 à 600 barils de viandes salées pour la Martinique. Les besoins de cette Colonie ont été considerablement augmentés par les denrées qu'il a fallu tirer des magasins de cette Ile pour les operations des Escadres du Roi et pour l'approvisionement des garnisons qu' élle a laissées à la garde de ses conquêtes. Mr Holker Agent de la Marine du Roi aura l'honneur d'indiquer à Votre Excellence les mesures qu'il se propose de prendre sur cet objet et il s'empressera de se conformer à tous les arrangemens qui pourront être agréables a l'Etat de Maryland, assurer la destination de ces denrées et prévenir toute espèce d'abus.

I'ai l'honneur d'être avec la plus respectueuse considération.

Monsieur,
De Votre Excellence
Le très humble et très
obéissant serviteur
Gérard

Mr Johnson

Monday 23d August 1779 C. B.

Present as on Saturday. Thomas Sim Lee Esq. Attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Hyde Sixty two Pounds ten shillings due him for 2 Mo Salary as Assist Cl. to the Govr & Council to the 5th Inst.

[Council to J. Duckett.] C. C. p. 18

In Council Annapolis 23d Augt 1779

Sir

Colo Forrest is waiting here on Account of his Appointment to be Auditor General. You did not furnish us with the Resolution of the House of Delegates on that Subject, nor can

C. C. we find that you have left your Key and Papers in the Care of any Body, so that we can have Recourse to it. This goes to you by Express and we hope you will immediately furnish us with the Resolution that the Public Business may go on.

We are &ca

Mr John Duckett

C. B. Tuesday 24 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Gale 30 pair of Shoes for the Matrosses in Annapolis

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Mr John Duckett Clerk of the House of Delegates two hundred Pounds ꝑ Advance agreeable to the Resolve of the last Session of the General Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson junr Clerk to the Governor and Council four hundred Pounds per Advance agreeable to the Resolve of the last Session of the General Assembly

Daniel Slade of Calvert County who was enlisted in the Maryland Quota of Continental Troops by John Mitchell, having been before this Board and appearing to be unfit for the Service is ordered to return Home and on his returning all Money and Cloathing which he may have received is ordered to be totally discharged

Henry Hall is appointed to Command the Plater

Uriah Forrest appointed Auditor General by the General Assembly in the room of Zephaniah Turner who has resigned appeared and Qualified in Presence of the Governor and Council by taking the several Oaths directed in the Resolution and Subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion and giving Bond with Nicholas Maccubbin Junr & William Hyde Securities for the faithful Performance of his Duty as Auditor General

Wednesday 25 August 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wilmot junr seventeen Pounds, ten shillings due him for riding Express to Queen Annes ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo Uriah Forrest Two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed by the late Act of Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Ridge Five hundred and Fifty one Pounds ninteen shillings & six Pence due Ridge & Ratalack p Acc^t passed by the Aud G^l C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Messenger to the Governor & Council in Advance agreeable to the Resolution of the last General Assembly One hundred and Fifty Pounds

That the said Treasurer pay to William Logan three hundred pounds due him per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette Dept. Aud. Three hundred Pounds in Advance agreeable to the Resolution of the last General Assembly

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Joshua Lamb 1 Coatee 1 p^r Overalls, 2 p^r Stockings 1 p^r Shoes and 1 Hat for William Lee enlisted in the 2^d Regim^t

Robert Ferguson formerly of George Town in Montgomery County appeared before the Governor and Council and took and Subscribed the Oath of Support & Fidelity

Elie Vallette appointed Deputy Auditor appeared and Qualified before the Governor and Council by taking, repeating and Subscribing the several Oaths required and making a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion

[Council to N. Smith.] C. C. p. 18

In Council 25th Augt 1779

Sir.

Inclosed you have a Mem^o of Money issued to Lieu^t Judah from Time to Time according to the Dates mentioned in it, for the Purpose of paying off the Bills which he collected. We are informed Mr Judah intends to resign and go a Voyage to the West Indies. Some Time ago Mr Yeiser called on the State for the £90. rec^d by Mr Judah 24th June, perhaps other Claims may also remain unsatisfied. We request you'll make Enquiry and if the Money is not paid, inform the People that Mr Judah has rec^d the Money and that they are to look to him for it. You will also be pleased to acquaint Mr Judah that it is necessary he should settle his Account yet standing against him and that he can resign his Commission only to us.

We are &^ca

Maj^r Nathl Smith

[Gov. Johnson to Capt. White's Company.]

Annapolis 25th Augt 1779

Gen^t

In the great Number of Appointments of Militia Officers,

C. C. it is not to be wondered at that some have taken Place to the Dissatisfaction of the Companies; the Instances are not so numerous as might have been expected. Where Appointments have been made improperly either from the Officers not being the most capable or against the general Inclination of the Companies, there is no Power left in the Government to displace the Officers, or I should most chearfully concur to give Content by more proper Appointments. In some Cases, the Gen^t have given us a Power of new Appointm^ts by giving up their Commissions and I wish, as it seems so generally the Wish of the Company, that Capt White had done so but from what Mr Ijams tells me, he is disinclined to do it and so have some few others. As I am circumstanced I may do it with Propriety and therefore intend to represent to the Assembly at the next Session, the Necessity, as it appears to me, of giving the future Govern^r & Council a Power of issuing new Commissions, where the Public Service might be promoted by it; but, in the mean Time I flatter myself that you will do your Duty as a Company of Militia under Capt White which, undoubtedly, will induce the more Attention to your Complaint

I am &^ca

T. J.

Capt White's Company.

C. B. Thursday 26th August 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Patrick Ewing of Cecil County having produced to this Board a Commission from Ephraim Blaine Esq. Dep^y Commissary General of Purchases for the Middle Department to be an Assistant Commissary of Purchases in this State dated at Philadelphia the 10th Day of this Instant August the same is approved of and License is hereby Granted to the said Patrick Ewing according to the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and Provided to Act and Transact within this State as Assistant Commissary of Purchases aforesaid

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Eastman nine hundred and sixty nine Pounds for the use of Eastman & Neth per Acc^t passed by Aud. G^l

Original [Washington to Gov. Johnson.]

Circular West Point August the 26th 1779

Sir

In a Letter which I had the honor of addressing to Your Excellency on the 22^d of May, I took the liberty to mention

the inconveniences which had prevailed for want of System in the Cloathing department, and the necessity there was for an early appointment of State or Sub Cloathiers agreable to the Ordinance established by Congress, by their Act of the 23d of March, with which I presumed Your Excellency had been made acquainted. I am now under the necessity of troubling you with a farther address, upon the subject of Cloathing itself. From the best information I have been able to obtain, both from Returns and particular inquiries, I fear there is but too much reason to apprehend, that unless the Respective States interpose with their exertions, our supplies of this essential Article will be very deficient; and that the Troops may again experience on this account, a part of those distresses, which were so severely and injuriously felt in past stages of the war; and which a regard to the interests of the States as well as to the duties of humanity, should prevent, if it be practicable. I do not know exactly how matters will turn out with respect to Woollen Cloathing, I should hope tolerably well, but if the attention of the State should even go to this, there will be little probability of our having an over supply; But the Articles to which I would take the liberty to solicit Your Excellency's more particular attention, are Blankets, shirts, Shoes & Hats (more especially the two first) as our prospect of these is by no means pleasing and such indeed as decides, that the supply from the Continental Cloathiers and Agents will fall far short, or at least stand upon too critical and precarious a footing. The importance and advantages of good supplies of Cloathing are evident and they have been most remarkably and happily demonstrated in the health of the Troops, since they have been pretty comfortably provided for in this instance; a circumstance of all others the most interesting. Original

While I am on the subject of these things I would also beg leave to add, that the condition of the Officers in this respect, appears to me to require the attention of their States. It is really in many instances painfully distressing. The want of necessaries and of the means of procuring them, at the present exorbitant prices, has compelled a great many Officers of good reputation and merit to resign their Commissions; and if they are not relieved, it must be the case with many Others, as they will have no alternative.

I have the Honor to be
with the greatest respect
and esteem

His Excellcy
Govr Johnson

Your Excellency's
Most Obedt Servant
Go Washington

Original [Washington to Gov. Johnson.]

Circular Head Quarters West
Point Aug^st 26th 1779

Sir

I have the honor to inclose your Excellency a list of sundry Officers belonging to your State who have been in captivity and are reported by the Commissary of Prisoners as violators of parole. A conduct of this kind so ignominious to the individuals themselves so dishonorable to their Country and to the service in which they have been engaged and so injurious to those Gentlemen who were associated with them in misfortune, but preserved their honor, demands that every measure should be taken to deprive them of the benefit of their delinquency and to compel their return. We have pledged ourselves to the enemy to do every thing in our power for this purpose and in consequence I directed Mr Beatty Commissary of Prisoners to issue the summons, which you will probably have seen in the public papers. But as it is likely to have a very partial operation, I find it necessary in aid of it to request the interposition of the executive powers of the different States to enforce a compliance. Most of these persons never having been and none of them now being in Continental service, military authority will hardly be sufficient to oblige them to leave their places of residence and return to captivity against their inclination: Neither will it be difficult for them to elude a military search and keep themselves in concealment. I must therefore intreat that your Excellency will be pleased to take such measures as shall appear to you proper and effectual to produce their immediate return. This will be rendering an essential service to our Officers in general in captivity, will tend much to remove the difficulties which now lie in the way of exchanges, and to discourage the practice of violating paroles in future.

I have the honor to be
With the greatest respect & esteem
Your Excellency's
Most Obet hum. Servt
G^o Washington

Capt Richard Davis		Maryl^d
Lieut^t William Piles		d^o
James Tool	Balt	d^o
Jacob Carsdorp		d^o

C. B. Friday 27 August 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut

Edward Duvall of the 2d Regimt two thousand Dollars en leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed &ca C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to his Excellency Thomas Johnson Esquire two hundred and Eight Pounds, six shillings & Eight Pence for 1 Mo Allowance as Governor due the 9th Instant

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Saml Pole one Pound ten shillings for the use of Philip Greenwall, p Certa allowed by the Aud. Gl

That the said Treasurer pay to E Arthur Harris of the 5 Regt two thousand Dollars en leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed by the late Act of Assembly. Arthur Harris of Calvert County in the State of Maryland is appointed Ensign in the 5th Maryland Regiment of Continental Troops and it is requested that a Commission may issue to him accordingly from the Board of War

[Council to Board of War.] C. C. p 19

In Council Annapolis 27th August 1779

Gent

Arthur Harris of Calvert County in the State of Maryland is hereby appointed an Ensign in the fifth Maryland Regiment of Continental Troops and it is requested that a Commission may issue to him accordingly. If, from any Circumstance, it should be more proper to appoint him in any other Regiment of this State, we are desirous his Commission may be so made out, without any further Request from us

We are &ca

Board of War.

[Council to I. Perkins.]

In Council Annapolis 27th Augt 1779

Sir.

We have no Answer to ours of the 20th Inst desiring you to furnish us with 10 Barls of fine Flour & 40 with only the Bran & Shorts taken out, made of good new Wheat, perhaps you have not received it; but presuming you have some by you, if not the Whole, we send up the Plater, Henry Hall, for what of it you can now deliver We are &ca

Colo Isaac Perkins.

Saturday 28 August 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday except Daniel Carroll Esquire

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Larmur

C. B. Rumley Eleven Pounds seven shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chever Twenty three Pounds, seventeen shillings and Six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud^{r}

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde Assistant Clerk to the Governor and Council five hundred Pounds ꝑ Advance according to the Resolution of the last Sess^{o} of Ass^{y}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bolton one thousand three hundred and thirty three Pounds, fourteen shillings and two pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lewis Jones late a 9 M^{o} Sold^{r} in the 2^{d} Regim^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of Fourteen Pounds ninteen shillings & ten Pence in Cloathing due him by the Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army.

Monday 30 August 1779

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esqr

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Thomas Kell commander of the Schooner Little Davy 40 Tons burthen mounting 4 Swivel Guns and 4 Small Arms belonging to David Stewart, Archibald Gamble & Comp^{y} Baltimore

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robertson Stevens two thousand four hundred and seventy seven Pounds one Shilling and eleven Pence due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Tuesday 31 August 1779

Present as on Yesterday. Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Attended

Ordered that Capt Keeports take Possession of all the Powder, Lead and other Stores belonging to the State at Elk Ridge Landing

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Jonathan Morris of the 7th Maryland Regim^{t} Eight thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service and Accounted for and also the further Sum of two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed by the late Act of Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Nathan Williams of the 6th Regim^{t} two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed by the late Act of Ass^{y}

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esqr Paymaster one thousand five hundred Pounds on Account.

Wednesday 1st September 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Beriah Maybury one hundred and forty six Pounds eighteen shillings & ten Pence ꝑ Acct passed by the Ad. Genl and also the further Sum of One hundred Pounds on Account

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Richard Davis of the Rifle Battalion One hundred and Fifty Pounds due him by the Resolution of the Genl Assembly passed in 1778 and also the further Sum of One hundred and Fifty Pounds for the use of Lieut Isaac McCrackin of the 6th Regimt due him by the same Resolution

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Richard Davis of the Rifle Batt. two thousand Dollars for himself and two thousand Dollars for Lieut Isaac McCrackin of the 6 Regimt in leiw of the Articles for the present Year allowed by the late Act of Assy

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Capt Richard Davis Fifty four Pounds due himself also two hundred and fourteen Pounds, eleven shillings and Eight pence and Fifteen Pounds for the use of Colo Lemuel Barret ꝑ Accts passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to James Govane Ten thousand Pounds to pay for Provisions Purchased to be Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Fifty Pounds for riding express ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr Ninteen Pounds & ten Pence for the use of John Haymond Nicholls & five Pounds one Shilling for the use of James Shields ꝑ Accts passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Ridgely Six Pounds ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

Thursday 2d September 1779

Present as on Yesterday. Daniel Carroll Esq. Attended.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Sadler 46 pair Leathr Breeches, for the use of the non Commissioned Officers & Privates of the Baltimore Mats and Charged to the Continent also 14 Coats & 24 Hats part of Deficient Cloathing of Smiths Compy in 1777

That the said Commissary deliver to James Berry a 9 Mo Soldr in the 7th Regt Dischd Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing due himself and also Twenty nine Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing for the use of Joseph Alsop who was a 9 Mo Soldr in the same Regt Discharged, due them ꝑ Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the A. Army

C. B. That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Doyle Sixty five Pounds due him p Account passed by the Aud. Gen[l]

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Perry Benson of the 5 Maryl[d] Reg[t] two thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & also two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed by the late Act of Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Edward Gale, ten thousand Dollars to Pay the Bounty to the Matrosses entered into the Continental Service by Act of Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Capt Edward Gale two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the Present Year allowed by the late Act of Assembly.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Samuel Sadler Eight thousand Dollars to pay the Bounty to the Matrosses entered into the Continental Service by Act of Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Lieut Samuel Sadler One thousand Dollars to be delivered over to the Baltimore Matrosses in leiw of the retained Part of their Rations and the extra work done at the Fort on Whetsone Point

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Lieut Samuel Sadler two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed by the late Act of Assembly

Friday 3[d] September 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Jacques Bagness of the Matross Comp[y] ordered to Camp, two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles allowed him for the present year according to the late Act of Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to John Townley Thirty seven Pounds, five shillings per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

It appearing to this Board from Letters now produced from Major General Nathaniel Green Quarter Master General dated the 18 day of May and the 2[d] day of August last directed to Col[o] Henry Hollingsworth of Cecil County that he the said Henry Hollingsworth is Deputy Quarter Master General in this State of the Appointment of the said Quarter Master General, he is approved as such and Licence is hereby granted to the said Henry Hollingsworth according to the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and Provided to act and transact in this State as Deputy Quarter Master aforesaid

Edward Gale is appointed Captain, Samuel Sadler Captain

Lieut, Jacques Bagness first Lieut, and Isaac Rawlings 2d Lieut of the Company of Matrosses ordered to Camp by the General Assembly C. B.

[Council to Gov. Jefferson.] C. C. p. 19

In Council Annapolis 3d Septr 1779

Sir

Mr Wallace, to whom the inclosed Letter was directed, laid it before us. William Cavenaugh, the Person who wrote it, is a Native of this State, he is a young Man who has been rather imprudent in the Management of his Affairs, and has thereby injured his Circumstances, but has not been suspected of Disaffection: he is personally known by two of the Gent^n of the Council. It is well known here that the Schooner, the Laurens, owned by Stephen Steward & others, commanded by Capt Harrison, went out to 'Statia in Company with the Brig Lively Capt Belt, the same or some of the same Persons principal Owners; that Capt Harrison died in the West Indies and that King who went out Mate, returned on the Coast Captain still in Company with Belt, that they were chased, King was taken Belt escaped and got into Delaware; that the Schooner, in her way to New York was run on the Jersey Shore and retaken by the Militia, and we have been informed that Cavenough went out & returned in the Schooner. All these Facts correspond with Cavenough's Letter and if, which is from thence probable, Cavenough with the three of the Privateer's Crew who are detained as Prisoners, have been sent on Shore for the Purpose & on the Terms he mentions, we are apprehensive that King and the other Prisoners may suffer the severest Usage. If you should with us Sir, believe that Cavenough's Account is true, we have Confidence that you'll take effectual Measures for the Relief of King and the others who may be now great Sufferers

We are Sir &^ca

Governor Jefferson.

Saturday 4 September 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday, except Thos Sim Lee Esq.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Sands, Fifty eight Pounds, ten shillings due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Kirby Fifteen Pounds for the use of John Annis due him ꝑ Account passed by the Dep^y Aud^r

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Isaac Rawlings of the Matross Company ordered to Camp, two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles allowed him for the present year according to the late Act of Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Williams one hundred and twenty six Pounds seventeen shillings & six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Issues deliver to Henry Hall of the Boat Plater 4 Barrels of Pork and 4 of Flour for the Matrosses in Baltimore

C. C. [Council to N. Smith.]

p. 19 In Council Annapolis 4th Septr 1779

Sir

We send you 4 Barr^{ls} of Pork & 4 of Flour; as the Matrosses are now in the Continental Service, they ought to draw from that Stock, we hope they will march in a few Days. Mr Sadler has, no Doubt told you of the Manner of our setling the Soldiers old Claims, it appears to us to be done with Generosity toward them and, we hope will give them Satisfaction. We were not able to Officer the Company ordered to Camp out of our old Officers Cap$_{t}$ Furnival, as he doubtless told you, declined going to Camp, as did Capt Campbell. It is very plain from the Act, the Assembly had no Expectation but that all the Gentlemen would have been desirous of going, the Assembly have not been so explicit as desirable and therefore it will rest with that Body to explain the Act, but we do not consider ourselves as either bound or at Liberty to consider any of the Officers, after forming the marching Company, as acting Officers of this State. You will be pleased to deliver the Arms used by the Matrosses & Military Stores belonging to the Fort to Capt Keeports immediately before the March of the men

We are &^{ca}

Maj^{r} Nathl Smith

C. B. Monday 6th September 1779

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that Capt Gale Discharge Thomas Dalziel on his procuring Frederick Eym to inlist in his room

William Murdock of Montgomery County appointed Ens in the 6th Maryland Regim^{t} & Letter wrote by him to the Board of War [vide Book]

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William

Murdock Ens of the 6 Reg^{t} two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed by the late Act of Ass^{y} C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Edward Gale, one hundred and twenty six Pounds, one shilling and four pence for the use of the Matross's due them for Back rations and also the further Sum of Twenty two Pounds seventy shillings and four Pence due himself p Accounts allowed & passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

Tuesday 7th September 1779

Present as on Yesterday

It appearing to this Board by a Commission from Major General Nathaniel Green Quarter Master General directed to James Calhoun Esqr of Baltimore dated 30 March 1778 that he the said James Calhoun is appointed Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army of the United States for the Western shore of Maryland he is approved as such and Licence is hereby granted to the said James Calhoun according to the Act of Ass^{y} in such Case lately made and provided to Act and transact in this State as Deputy Quarter Master General aforesaid according to the Terms of the said Commission

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice Esquire one hundred and forty four Pounds due him for his Att^{a} in Council to this Inst.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Gordon of the Galley Indep^{a} Forty Pounds, fifteen shillings p Acc^{t} passed by the Dep^{y} Aud.

This Board agrees with Mr Thomas Hyde for the Current Years Rent of his Store beginning the 2^{d} Day of Decem^{r} last at £160 and of his Tanyard begining the 1st of May last at £200 the occupation of the Premises having continued without any Precise Agreement of the Rent.

[Council to Duler and Terrasson.] C. C. p. 19

In Council Annapolis 7th Septr 1779

Gen^{t}

The Conduct of Laramé, which you have found yourselves under the Necessity of representing to us, is certainly cognizable by our Laws and, on Proof of his keeping an irregular and disorderly House, any Magistrate in Baltimore has ample Power to compel him to give Security for his future good Behaviour or, on Proof of his opposing the Officer of Justice with the Declarations & Circumstances mentioned in your Letter, may be very severely punished. We cannot, ourselves,

C. C. immediately, direct any Punishment on this Man, but our ordinary Course of Proceeding is fully competent to his Case and we advise you to apply to a Magistrate, producing the Witnesses to prove his very reprehensible Conduct.

Messrs Duler & Terrasson — We are &^ca

Baltimore

p. 20 [Council to James Calhoun.]

In Council 7th Septr 1779

Sir.

We inclose you the Licence to yourself agreeable to your Letter of Yesterday. We are of Opinion that a Licence is necessary by the Act to every Person who is entrusted to lay out the Public Money in the Commissary & Quarter Master Gen^ls Departments and should have sent you the Licences to the Gen^t you mention if we had their Appointments before us which you'll see is necessary by the Act. You'll be pleased to send us Copies of your Appointments of your Assistants by the Post or any Body who is coming down and the Licences shall be sent you without giving the Trouble of a Special Journey. Very often Expresses passing through Annapolis are very importunate either to have their Dispatches forwarded and themselves left at Liberty to return, or for fresh Horses with which to proceed from whence we are apprehensive of a good Deal of Trouble on the Discontinuance of the Office here, and besides the Officers who are frequently obliged to wait on us, will have a considerable Increase of Expence, if the issuing of Forage is stopped.

We are &^ca

James Calhoun Esqr

C. B. Wednesday 8 September 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Gale 50 pair Shoes for the use of his Comp^y to be charged to the Continent

C. C. [Council to James Calhoun.]

p. 20 In Council Annapolis 8th Septr 1779

Sir

Inclosed you have a Copy of a Letter received last Night from the Board of War & we presume you have one on the same Subject. We wish you to send some Person in whom

you can confide, to receive the Powder in Frederick, where only, we have any considerable Quantity, letting him call on Col° Bruce with the inclosed, in his Way thither. We have wrote to the Board of War that we purpose to deliver you 30 thousand Weight. If Casks can possibly be procured to Shift a Part of the Powder into, we think it will be adviseable to procure them, as many of the Casks are probably much injured by frequent Removals in a hurry. We do not know which way you'll send it, whether by Land or to Balt° and from thence by Water up the Bay, the first, we think would be best, if carriage can be procured and probably it might from Frederick, as far as Lancaster. C. C.

We are &ca

James Calhoun Esqr

[Council to Board of War.]

In Council Annapolis 8th Septr 1779

Gent

We last Night recd your Favor of the 3d Inst; we shall immediately write to Mr Calhoun desiring him to appoint some Person to examine and receive the Powder which we can spare at Frederick; the Quantities we have any where else, are inconsiderable. We shall deliver to him there, thirty thousand weight. A large Proportion of what we have is Cannon Powder though, from its having been sent in a Hurry at divers Times from different Places, we have no exact Account of the different Kinds, and we are apprehensive that from the same 591
Cause a good many of the Casks may not be sufficient to remove it in. If tolerable Care has been taken of it, which may have been done with great Ease from the Conveniences where it is kept, we expect it is generally good. At the Time of the Rect of your Letter of the 15th June, the Govr was in Frederick, we expected that in Consequence of our Letter to our Delegates of the 18th, Measures were then executing for the Rect of the Powder and have constantly expected that some Person would have been commissioned to receive it. We are not impowered to lend but sell it and we could have disposed of it at a very high Price, but have refused to part from any since our Conversation with Mr Plater about the 17th Day of June

We are &ca

Board of War.

P. S. We inclose you Copies of the Letters wrote and received on this Subject

C. C. [Council to N. Bruce.]

In Council Annapolis 8th Septr 1779

Sir

This, we expect, will be delivered to you by some Person appointed by Mr Calhoun as Depy Qr Master Genl to receive from our Magazine in Frederick 30,000 wt of Powder for the Use of and to be forwarded by him to Philada for the Army. We inclose you a Copy of Colo Beatty's Return of the Powder in the Magazine for your Assistance and request the Favor of you to superintend the Delivery & to take & transmit us a Receipt on the Invoice. We imagine, by much the greatest Part of our Stock is Cannon Powder & would have you deliver 25,000 of that Kind or if, on Examination, our stock is composed of a still greater Proportion of Cannon Powder we wish you to deliver a greater Proportion of it. We do not know whether strong Casks have been got to shift the Powder into, so far as you can, you'll be pleased to accomodate them with Casks which can bear the Carriage. Great Part of the Powder was imported from the Dominions of France, we wish it all to be reweighed, you'll attend to the French Weight exceeding ours about 10 per Ct

We are &ca

Colo Normand Bruce

p 21 [Council to Ewing and Buchanan.]

Circular. In Council Annapolis 8th Septr 1779

Sir.

We last night recd a Letter from his Exy Genl Washington dated the 28th of last Month inclosing a Copy of one to him from Colo Wadsworth dated the 27th which give alarming Apprehensions of the Army's suffering for want of Flour & pressing extraordinary Exertions for a Supply. We do not know whether you have received fresh Instructions from Colo Blaine on this Circumstance so unexpected by us, but whether you have or not, you may be assured that you cannot render more essential Service in your Department than in providing and pressing forward as quick as possible, all the Flour you can; it is an Object of too great Magnitude to delay, either for Formality of precise and regular Orders, or a Trifle in the Price and we doubt not you'll attend to it accordingly. If from your Circumstances it will be necessary to appologize to Colo Blaine, we imagine this will excuse you, if not, we dare say Genl Washington's Letter will. Pray advise us of your Receipt of this and the Resolution you take in Consequence of it

We are &ca

To Patrick Ewing, Cecil, &
Robt Buchanan, Balto

Thursday 9 September 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Stephen Shelmerdine of the 4th Regimt three thousand Dollars on Account of that Regt Three thousand Dollars for Lieut Thomas Cromwell of the same Regimt and also two thousand Dollars for Lieut John Bailey of the 3d Regt for the Recruiting Service to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Lieut Stephen Shelmerdine of the 4th Regimt two thousand Dollars, also two thousand Dollars for Lieut Thomas Cromwell of the same Regt and two thousand Dollars for Lieut John Bailey of the 3d Regt in leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed by the late Act of Assembly

Capt Gale, John Chain has offered Michael Paine who says he was born in Calvert County and that he came hither in a Boat with one Copper, in his stead. If on enquiry of Copper you find Paine is at Liberty you may inlist him instead of John Chain to whom on its being done give a Discharge hereon

John Chever is appointed a second Lieut of the Compy of Matross's ordered to Camp by the General Assembly

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John Chever, two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the present Year allowed by the late Act of Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to William Bigg Forty Pounds ten shillings ꝑ Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Como Thomas Grason Sixty seven Pounds ten shillings for the use of Robert Littell ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Hyde Eighty four Pounds, fifteen shillings due him ꝑ Accot passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette Thirty seven Pounds, ten shilgs for 1 Mo Salary as Depy Aud. ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Como Thomas Grason, Three hundred and seven Pounds, sixteen shillings to purchase Plank for the use of the State on Account

[Council to S. Saddler.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 9th Septr 1779 p. 21

Sir.

Colo Forrest mentions to us that it may be useful to leave Saml Chester of the Matrosses behind, that he had desired he might stay in the Fort, 'til Orders from hence. His diligence

C. C. & success in Recruiting and the Necessity of leaving some Body who can be depended on, in the Fort, induce us to desire he may be left behind and considered still as a Soldier of this State

We are &ca

Lieut Saml Saddler

C. B. Friday 10 September 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Alexander Contee Hanson Esqr Two hundred and thirty four Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence due him ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Alexander Contee Hanson Judge of the General Court five hundred Pounds ꝑ Advance according to a Resolve of the Genl Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith three hundred and sixty eight Pounds five shillings ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Gale 1 pr Leather Breeches for the use of his Compy

On the Petition of Charles Daley who was inlisted to serve as a Marine in the Service of this State setting forth that he hath been for almost three years incessantly in the Hospital so unwell that he has not been able to perform his Duty and Como Grason informing the Governor and Council that the facts aforesaid as set forth in his Petition were true. It is ordered that the said Charles Daley be discharged from the Service

Colo Ephraim Blaines Commission as Depy Commissary General of Purchases in the Army of the United States dated the 6th of August 1777 was produced to this Board and Licence is hereby given to him to act as such within this State also the Commission of Patrick Ewing of Cecil County Assistant Depy Commissary of Purchases for Cecil and Kent Counties. The Como of Conrod Theo. Wedderstrandt of Queen Annes, Assistant Dy Comy of Purchases for Queen Anns, Talbot & Below. The Como of Nathl Potter of Caroline, Assistant Dy Comy of Purchases for Caroline County. The Commission of Richard Dallam Assistant Deputy Commissary of Purchases for Harford County. The Como of Robert Buchanan Assist. Depy Comy of Purchases for Baltimore County. The Commission of Thomas Richardson of Montgy County Assistant Deputy Commissary of Purchases for Prince Georges, Charles, Saint Marys and Montgomery

Counties. The Com° of George Murdock Assistant Dep^y C. B.
Commiss^y of Purchases for Frederick County and the Commission of Moses Rawlings Assistant Dep^y Commissary of Purchases for Washington County from Ephraim Blaine Esq. of this Day being produced to this Board Licence is hereby given to them to act in the Counties aforesaid according to the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and Provided

[Council to Col. J. Dashiell.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Septr 1779 C. C. p. 21

Sir

We are in Want of about 7000 Feet of 2½ Inch Plank with which to repair our Gallies Pine will do, if good & cut as long as the Mills will allow. We shall be obliged to you to have that Quantity got ready for us as soon as possible and that you'll advise us when & where we may send for it. We also want about 1500 Feet of 1¼ and 1000 Feet of Inch pine Plank, we would send for it at the same Time. If you cannot furnish us from your own Mills fully soon, we request the Favour of you to agree with some Body else for what may be deficient

We are &^ca

Col. Joseph Dashiell.

[Council to S. Saddler.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Septr 1779

Sir

Capt Gale will go from hence with that Part of his Company which is here, next Monday, unless something unforeseen prevents it. He goes by Water to the Head of Elk where, or at Christeen, it is expected you'll meet him with the other Part of the Company. For that Purpose, it is desirable you have a Vessel prepared and set off on Tuesday. If you get to the Head of Elk before Capt Gale, proceed to Christeen 596
and wait there for him, bespeaking a Vessel to carry the Company up Delaware. The inclosed to Mr Calhoun is to request the Delivery of 50 Knapsacks, 50 Canteens & Camp Kettles for 4 Officers & 50 Men to go from Hence. For your Part, we expect Mr Calhoun has furnished you. These Things for Capt Gale you'll leave with Col° Hollingworth, if you go before Capt Gale gets there. If Mr Calhoun cannot furnish you, get the Deficiency of Capt Keeports.

We are &^ca

Lieu^t Saml Saddler.

C. C. [Council to Board of War.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Septr 1779

Gent.

Yesterday we received your Letter of the 4th Inst. Inconvinient as it will be to keep a hundred of our Militia, almost wholly Farmers, on Duty, we shall send Expresses to Frederick & Washington Counties to morrow Morning with Orders to collect the Guard with as little Delay as possible, relying that as soon as you can, you will relieve us from the Burthen. We imagine it will be best to cross the Mountain at Black's Gap avoiding Frederick Town and that we shall have Time to prepare for receiving them if they set off about Sunday or Monday Week. Colo Rawlings, we understand has resigned he lives within a Mile of Fort Frederick and, if he would undertake it, would be a proper Person to have the Superintendance of the Prisoners.

We are &ca

Board of War.

p. 22 [Council to Washington.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Septr 1779

Sir. The Day before yesterday we received your two Letters of the 28th of last Month. Colo Blaine came to Town yesterday and we are concerting with him the Measures in our Power for procuring a Supply of Flour for the Army. We have no State Magazine and in a great Part of our Country the Crop has been very bad, however we hope that enough may be soon got for the Temporary Subsistance of the Army. It gives us real Concern that any of our Officers should have broken their Paroll, your Excellency may rely that we shall exert ourselves to make them return

We are &ca

Genl Washington

[Council to James Calhoun.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Septr 1779

Sir.

There will be wanted for that Part of Capt Gales Company, now Continental Troops which goes from Annapolis, 50 Knapsacks, 50 Canteens & Camp Kettles for 4 Officers and 50 Men, which be pleased to deliver to Lieut Saddler, as he may take them with that Part of the Company which goes from Baltimore to the Head of Elk, where or at Christeen, both Parts of the Company will join. From what we learn

from Col° Forrest, we expect the Men who go from Baltimore will be furnished by you with Knapsacks, Canteens & Kettles C. C.

We are &ca

James Calhoun Esqr

Saturday 11 September 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Edward Sims of Charles County in the State of Maryland is appointd Ensign in the 1st Maryland Regimt of Continental Troops and it is requested that a Commission may issue to him accordingly from the Board of War.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to George Dickson Twenty seven Pounds and two hundred and twenty four Pounds, Eighteen shillings and three Pence for the use, of Capt Richard Haff and the Guard over the Magazine near Frederick Town and Forty three Pounds ninteen shillings for the use of Capt John Shields & his Company Guarding the Convention Troops thro' Maryland ꝑ Accts passed by the Aud. Genl & Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said George Dickson Twenty four Pounds ten shillings for the use of Peter Baker a 9 M° Sold. in the 6 Regimt Discharged being the balance due him in leiw of Cloathing allowed by the Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army and also the further Sum of two hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Capt Richard Haff to be applied in procuring Provisions for the Guard over the Magazine near Frederick Town on Account,

That the said Treasurer pay to Commodore Thomas Grason one hundred Pounds on account.

[Council to D. Hughes.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 11th Septr 1779 p. 22

Sir. We received the Day before yesterday a Letter from the Board of War dated the 4th Inst informing us that they are much overburthened with Prisoners at Philada (by what we learn from Col° Blaine they have there about 1000) that they are under the Necessity of sending about four hundred to Fort Frederick and requesting of us a good Militia Guard over them. We have answered their Letter, that we shall endeavour to get the Guard and that the Prisoners may be sent off about this Day Week, so that about the 28th Inst they may be expected at Fort Frederick. We don't know what will be their Rout, but have recommended it through

c. c. Blacks Gap, to shorten the Distance and avoid Fred^{k} Town. Washington County has been so much burthened already that we cannot expect a Guard can be fully furnished from thence, indeed it gives us real Concern to be obliged to call on the Militia any where for Service, at this Season, but Necessity compels us. We have ordered a Company of one Captain, 2 Lieut^{s}, 1 Ens^{n}, 4 Sergeants, 4 Corp^{ls} & 68 Priv^{ts} from Frederick and we desire that you will immediately order half a Company of the Militia of your County, of the Classes which have not yet served, consisting of 1 first & 1 2^{d} Lieu^{t} an Ens^{n} 2 Serg^{ts}, 2 Corp^{ls} & 34 Privates immediately to hold themselves in Readiness and actually to march so as to be at Fort Frederick the 27th Ins^{t} where they are to continue on Duty with the Frederick County Company five Weeks & until relived as we desire they may be by such another half Company which you are hereby empowered, in like Manner to call out on Duty, unless, as we hope, the Guard should either not be further wanted or some other Provision should take Place. You are to supply the Militia of your County with Arms & a reasonable Quantity of Ammunition. The inclosed Letter from Col^{o} Blaine to Col. Rawlings which be pleased to forward immediately, is on the Subject of Provisions, which are to be furnished by the Continental Comm^{ys}. We rely on your Efforts to prevent any Disappointm^{t} and hope the Militia will perform their Duty with Alacrity in a Service so essential. The rough Fellows to be kept in Fort Frederick will require some Body to superintend on the Spot, who has been used to such People, we have mentioned Col. Rawlings's Vicinity to the Fort and we could wish he would undertake it

We are &^{ca}

Danl Hughes Esqr
L^{t} of Washington County

[Council to N. Bruce.]

p. 23 In Council Annapolis 11th Septr 1779

Sir.

We received the Day before yesterday a Letter from the Board of War dated the 4th Ins^{t} informing us that they are much overburthened with Prisoners at Philadelphia (by what we learn from Col^{o} Blaine they have there about 1000) that they are under the Necessity of sending about four Hundred to Fort Frederick and requesting of us a good Militia Guard over them, we have answered their Letter that we shall endeavour to get the Guard and that the Prisoners may be sent off about this Day week so that about the 28th Ins^{t} they may

be expected at Fort Frederick. We don't know what will be C. C.
their Route but have recommended it through Black's Gap, to shorten the Distance and avoid Frederick Town. Washington County has been so much burthened already that we cannot expect a Guard can be fully furnished from thence, indeed it gives us real Concern to be obliged to call on the Militia any where for Service at this Season, but Necessity compels us & we desire that you will immediately order a full Company of the Militia of your County, of the Classes which have not yet served consisting of one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign four Sergeants, four Corporals and 68 Privates, to hold themselves in Readiness and actually to march so as to be at Fort Frederick the 27th Inst where they are to continue on Duty with half the Number of Washington Militia for five Weeks or until relieved, as we intend they shall be about that Time by a like Company from Montgomery, unless, as we hope, the Guard by that Time should either not be further wanted or some other Provision should take Place. You are to supply the Company with Arms and a reasonable Quantity of Ammunition. The Continental Commissaries are already ordered to furnish Provisions. In a Matter of this Consequence where Delay might prove so very injurious, we can rely on your Efforts and flatter ourselves that the Militia, impressed with the Necessity and having a just Confidence that we, on this as every other Occasion, shall joyfully embrace the first Opportunity of lightening their Burthen, will, as they have hitherto done, discharge their Duty with Alacrity. We request the Favor of you to send the inclosed to Colo Hughes immediately by Express, it is on the same Subject as this Letter & that you will also forward Mr Murdock's Letter by the same, or some other safe Hand, it is from Colo Blaine, appointing him Commy of Purchases with our Licence under the late Law.

We are &ca

Normand Bruce Esqr
Lt of Fredk County

[Council to H. Young.]

In Council Annapolis 12th Septr 1779

Sir

The five nine Pounders were lent the Buckskin under the Orders of the Assembly; we did not know of their having been yet returned, as they are we imagine, they are not wanted again and therefore presuming the Assembly would sell them you may have them with any Number of, not exceeding two hundred and fifty nine pound Shot at Balto, for the

C. C. Proportion of Price Guns & Shot sell for at Baltimore, of which make Enquiry and write us. This shewn to Mr Keeports or whoever has the Guns & Shot in Possession, is intended as a Warrant for the Delivery. We are so circumstanced that we cannot supply any Powder, it is all engaged to the Congress, or, immediately, any four Pounders, we have only what are on Board the Gallies & on the Forts, we have already refused to supply Powder and four Pounders, if we could spare either, we should prefer the first Applications

We are &ca

Mr Hugh Young.

C. B. Monday 13th September 1779

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Edward Wright of the 7th Regimt, two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed by the late Act of Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to his Excellency Thomas Johnson Esqr two hundred and Eight Pounds, six shillings & Eight Pence due him for 1 Mo Atta as Governor

The Commission of Charles Beatty from John Cox Assist- " ant Quarter Master Genl of the 10 April 1778 " Nominating " & appointing him the said Charles Beatty to Act do and " Perform all and Singular the Business of Depy Quarter " Master General with the Privilidge of making Purchases in " the County of Frederick, of Horses Waggons and such " other Articles as he may from Time to Time be instructed " by Quarter Master General, the Assistant Quarter Master " General or either of them to procure" &ca "being produced to this Board

Licence is hereby given to him to act in the County aforesaid according to the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and provided

C. C. p. 23 [Council to W. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 13th Septr 1779

Sir

Colo Chambers called on us the other Day to notify to us your Appointment of him to purchase for the French Navy and to be licenced for that Purpose, if we thought a Licence necessary. Not esteeming any Licence necessary under the Act, we did not give him any and the same Reason only occasions our not sending one to you. We will inclose you

an Account in a Day or two, of what Capt Harrison had, we C. C.
are not at present furnished with it.

We are &^{ca}

Wm Smith Esqr

Tuesday 14th September 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Houston Thirty one Pounds ninteen shillings and two Pence for the use of Jonathan Cathall ꝑ Acct. passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to James Hodges Junr Twenty Pounds for the use of James Hodges ꝑ Account passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Isaac Perkins, two thousand nine hundred and two Pounds, sixteen shillings and ten Pence due him ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Edward Gale two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Lieut John White of the Matrosses ordered to Camp in leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed by the late Act of Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Jenifer, two hundred and thirty six Pounds ten shillings and three Pence for the use of Walter Jenifer ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^{o} Charles Beatty Four hundred and fifteen Pounds fourteen shillings and one penny, four hundred and Eighty seven Pounds, seven shillings and three pence and also the further Sum of three Pounds five shillings and seven pence half penny due him ꝑ Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl

John White late a Serjeant in the Matross Comp^{y} in Baltimore is appointed third 2^{d} Lieut of the Matross Comp^{y} ordered to Camp by the General Assembly

Commission issued to Walter Hanson, George Dent, John Dent, Robert Young and Warren Dent appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for Charles County and also to Daniel Jenifer appointed Register of the Orphans Court for Charles County

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Reynolds a 9 M^{o} Sold^{r} in the 6th Reg^{t} Disch^{d} the am^{t} of twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing due him by the Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

The Commission of Richard Butler Dep^{y} Quarter Master, and The Commission of Nicholas Tice Dep^{y} Quarter Master, from Charles Beatty Dep^{y} Quarter Master Genl being produced to this Board Licence is hereby given to them the said

C. B. Richard Butler and Nicholas Tice to Act in Frederick County according to the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and Provided

Wednesday 15 September 1779

Present as on Yest^{y} Edward Lloyd Esq. Appeared

Commission issued to Hezekiah South appointed Surveyor of Cecil County in the room of Thomas Maffit resigned

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt George Keeports Two thousand Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Robert Owen seventy four Pounds, two shillings & six Pence ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud Genl

Ordered that the Commissary of Issues deliver to Serj^{t} Lamb of the 1 Reg^{t} 4 days Provisions for Six Men of said Regim^{t}

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Lamb 2 p^{r} Shoes to be charged to the first Regiment.

C. C. p. 23

[Council to S. Chester.]

In Council Annapolis 15th Septr 1779

Sir

You are hereby impowered and directed to inlist into the Service of this State, for three Years or during the War, any Number not exceeding fourteen effective Freemen, to serve as Matrosses according to the late Act of Assembly entitled "An Act relating to the Officers and Soldiers of this State in the American Army and other Purposes therein mentioned As the Encouragement offered by the General Assembly is so liberal and the Number wanted is so small, we hope you may have, in a Manner, your Choice of Men for this Service; by all Means prefer Country born, nor take any others, unless they have some Property or Connection which may attach them to the Place; before you pay the Bounty, which is two hundred and forty Dollars, to any Man, have him well examined to see that he is sound and at the Time of the Payment of the Bounty, let him, before a Magistrate, sign his Inlistment, expressing whether it is for three years or during the War and also a Receipt for the Bounty. The Inlistments and Receipts, certified by the Magistrates before whom they are signed, transmit to us.

You are to apply to Capt Keeports from Time to Time for the Bounty Money as it may be wanted.

Saml Chester.

[Council to H. Young.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 15th Septr 1779 p. 24

Sir

We cannot find that we have any nine Pounders besides the five which are not mounted either here or at Balt^o and we can not with any Propriety, part from any Guns that are mounted on the Forts. This Reason has induced us not to part from the small Guns at Balt^o or this Place, on several Applications which have deen made for them. If from our not being able to furnish you with a sixth nine Pounder, the odd one should be useless, you may have four only, if they will best suit you. Capt Keeports is left at Liberty to exchange a Part of his ready filled nine Pound Cartridges, with you for the Fresh Powder. We do not know that we have any nine Pound spare Carriages; if on Enquiry, there are such, Mr Keeports will deliver them to you

We are &^ca

Hugh Young

Thursday 16 September 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Serj^t John Nearcy Twenty two Pounds seventeen shillings and Six Pence due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Davis Eighty nine Pounds sixteen shillings and two Pence half penny due him ꝑ Acc^t passed by the Aud Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj^t Neary of the 1 Regim^t 1 p^r Shoes, & 1 p^r Stockings (ꝑ Col^o Stones order)

That the said Commissary deliver to Serj^t Joshua Lamb of the 1 Regim^t 3 Coats, 3 Hatts, 2 p^r Shoes & 1 p^r Overalls to be charged to the same Regim^t

[Gov. Johnson to E. Gale.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 16th Septr 1779 p. 24

Sir

You are to proceed with that Part of your Company which is here, to the Head of Elk, from thence, by Christeen Bridge; at one of those Places, we expect you will meet with Lieu^t Saddler with the other Part of your Comp^y, he having Orders to wait for you at Christeen, if he should get there before you. From Christeen you are to proceed with your Company by water to Trenton, avoiding to call at Philadelphia, if you can and from Trenton you are to march for Genl Washington's Head

c. c. Quarters. You are to wait on the General, make known your Appointments from this State he will, we presume, take Order for the Officers receiving their Commissions

T. J.

Capt Edward Gale

[Council to Commander of Fort Pitt]

In Council Annapolis 16th Septr 1779

Sir

We had the Honor of receiving a few Days ago a Letter from his Excellency Genl Washington inclosing a List of four Officers belonging to this State who have been in Captivity & are reported by the Commy of Prisoners as Violators of Paroll. His Exy desires such Measures may be taken as shall appear proper & Effectual to produce their immediate Return. He remarks that this will be rendering essential Service to our Officers in General in Captivity will tend much to Remove the Difficulties which now lie in the Way of Exchange and to discourage the Practice of violating Parolls in future. Capt Richard Davis of Washington County is one of the Persons mentioned in this List. We understand he has either set off or on the Point of setting off for the Back Country, he may probably call at Pittsburg, or at some Post under your Direction and we have no Doubt your Inclination will be equal to your Power to compel him to appear before Genl Washington by whom he will, most probably, be returned into Captivity

Officer commanding at Fort Pitt

We are &ca

[Council to D. Hughes.]

In Council Annapolis 16th Septr 1779

Sir

We received the other Day a Letter from his Exy Genl Washington dated the 26th of last Month, inclosing a List of Officers who are reported by the Commy of Prisoners, as Violators of Paroll, amongst them is Capt Richard Davis who, we hear is just about going into the Back Country. The Genl desires that effectual Measures may be taken to produce their immediate Return. We should very reluctantly go into any Violence or Severity, which might injure a young Man who has fought in the Battles of America, might hurt his Brother, who has suffered a long Imprisonment or a Father who has behaved as a good American and have therefore spoke to

Col° Davis on the Subject and expect if Capt Davis has not set off we shall soon see him here. If he is gone to the Back Country, we request you'll contrive the inclosed to Pittsburg, unless in Conversation with Col° Davis, there is good Reason to expect him soon back C. C.

Danl Hughes Esqr
L^t of Washington County } We are &^ca

Friday 17 September 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

It appearing to this Board by Sundry Letters now produced from Owen Biddle Assistant Commissary General of Forage and amongst them those of the 14 July & the 19 of August last Directed to Henry Hollingsworth of Cecil County that he the said Henry Hollingsworth is appointed a Deputy Assistant Commissary General in this State. The Commissary General of Forage being a Branch of the Quarter Master Generals Department Licence is hereby granted to the said Henry Hollingsworth according to the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and provided to act and transact in this State as Dep^y Assistant Commissary General of Forage aforesaid

The Commission of Henry Wright Junr Assistant Dep^y Forage Master General from Henry Hollingsworth of the 10 Day of this Instant Sept. being produced to this Board. Licence is hereby given to him the said Henry Wright jun^r to act as an Assistant Deputy Forage Master Genl in all the Counties of the Eastern shore of this State except Cecil by Virtue and according to the Act of Assembly in such Case made and Provided

The Commission of John Greer to be Assistant Deputy Quarter Master G^l of the Army of the United States in the Lower part of Frederick and the Upper Part of Baltimore Counties dated 1^s Novr 1778 The Com° of Henry Shryock to be Ass^t Dep^y Quarter Master General of the Army of the United States in Washington County dated 2^d June 1778 The Comm° of David Poe Assist Dep^y Quarter Master Genl of the Army of the United States in Baltimore County dated the 8th of April 1778 and the Comm° of Thomas Richardson Assistant Dep^y Q^r Master Genl of the Army of the United States in Montgomery County dated 1 July 1778 from James Calhoun Esqr Dep^y Quarter Master Genl being produced to this Board Licence is hereby given to them to Act in the Counties aforesaid according to the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and Provided

C. B. Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Baker Five Pounds twelve shillings and six Pence due him p Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt David Lynn of the 7th Regimt two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed by the late Act of Assy

C. C. p. 24

[Council to James Calhoun.]

In Council Annapolis 17th Septr 1779

Sir

Inclosed you have Licence indorsed on your Appointments of Assistants. Your Commission from Genl Greene appoints you Depy Qr Master Genl of the Army of the United States for the Western Shore of Maryland from whence it would seem that all who acted in this Department on the Western Shore, should be subordinate to you. The 13th Inst Colo Charles Beatty produced us a Commission from John Cox Asst Qur Mr Genl dated Lancaster 10th April 1778 nominating and appointing him (C. B.) to act do & perform all and singular the Business of Depy Qr Mr Genl with the Priviledge of making Purchases in the County of Fredk of Horses &ca Colo Beatty requested and had a Licence for himself as well as on the 14th for Richd Butler & Nichs Tice as his Assistants. We do not know that the Business will be the worse done for your & their Appointments, but there appears to us a Degree of Inconsistency in different People acting in the same Place, in the same Business, with equal Powers. We did not know what Proportion of Cannon & what of Musquet Powder we had at Fredk, but imagined we had, by much the Greatest Part of Cannon. As it turns out otherwise we would by all Means have the 30 thousand Weight mde up of Musquet Powder and for that Purpose write to Colo Bruce the inclosed

We are &ca

James Calhoun Esqr

p. 25

[Council to N. Bruce.]

In Council Annapolis 17th Septr 1779

Sir

We are just advised by Mr Calhoun that our Magazine at Frederick had only 11076lb, of Cannon Powder, which has been delivered with 5228lb of musquet, we imagined the Powder there was principally Cannon and therefore restricted the Quantity of Musquet Powder in our former Letter, as it is, you will be pleased to make up of the Musquet Powder, with

musquet and Cannon already delivered, thirty thousand C. C.
Weight

We are &ca

Normand Bruce Esqr
Lt of Fredk County

Saturday 18 September 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Richardson one thousand three hundred and twenty nine Pounds, fifteen shillings and seven Pence Balance of Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Green, two thousand, three hundred and ninty two Pounds ꝑ Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Brown, ten Pounds thirteen shillings and nine Pence ꝑ Acct passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde two thousand Dollars for the use of Colo Lodowick Weltner due him in leiw of the Articles for the present year alld by the late Act of Assy

That the said Treasurer pay to William Henry seven thousand nine hundred and seventy two Pounds, thirteen shillings and three pence & Sixteen Pounds, ten shillings due himself also four Pounds, ten shillings for the use of William Briscoe, Ninty Pounds, for the use of Spencer Beedle, Thirty eight Pounds, ten Shillings for the use of William Dollass one Pound for the use of Ebenezer Reyner per Accounts passed by the Aud. Genl and also the further Sum of Eighty Pounds to be delivered over to Ebenezer Massey Attorney for John Massey who was taken prisoner the 4th of October 1777, on Account.

The Commission of Thomas Richardson from Clement Biddle Commissary General of Forage of the 10 Day of March 1778 to be Commissary of Forage for the western shore of the State of Maryland being produced to this Board Licence is hereby given to him the said Thos Richardson according to the Act of Assembly in such Case made and Provided to Act in this State as Commissary of Forage aforesaid and also the Commission of George Murdock from Thomas Richardson of this Day to be Forage Master in Frederick County being produced to this Board, Licence is hereby given to him the said George Murdock according to the Act of Assembly in such Case made and provided to act in the County aforesaid

C. B. Commission issued to Jesse Cosden app^{d} Capt. Samuel Commegy's 1 Lieut, Culthbert Hall 2^{d} Lieut, John Haley Ens. of a Comp^{y} of Militia in the 27 Batt in Kent County & also to James Dunn son of Ezekiah, 2^{d} Lieut of Capt Williamsons Co. and Robert Weeks Ens. of Capt. Tildens Comp^{y} in the 13 Batt. of Militia in Kent County.

Original [Gist to Gov. Johnson.]

Camp Butter Milk Falls 19 Septr 1779

Sir

General Smallwood Informs me that you have requested him to transmit you accurate Returns of the Maryland Troops also of the Cloathing wanted for them the ensuing Winter, with the names of the Com^{d} & Staff Officers of the seven Regiments:

I presume that your Excellency has forgot there is two Brigades in the Maryland line & that General Smallwood being appointed to the Command of the first, cannot upon Just Military principles Interfere with the police of the Second, or claim a right to any kind of Returns from me as I wish to promote the Interest & happiness of the Officers & men under my command, so I equally mean to preserve that Command Inviolable. I herewith enclose you such Returns as I am Inform'd are necessary & am

With due Respect

Y^{r} Mo Obedient Servant

M: Gist

His Excellency

Thomas Johnson Esqr

C. B. Monday 20th September 1779

Present as on Saturday

On the Application of William Smith Esqr of Baltimore Town who is to this Purpose commissioned and Authorized by Mr Holker who is Agent for the Marine of his most Christian Majesty, Licence is hereby granted to Lade and Export in the Brigantine called the Queen of France now lying in the Port of Baltimore, her Cargoe of Flour and other Provisions for the Use of the Fleet and Army of his most Christian Majesty in the West Indies the said Brigantine clearing out at the proper Office and the Captain previously thereto, delivering into such Office a Manifest of her Lading and together with two other of the Principal Officers of the said Brig making Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God

that such Manifest contains a true Account of the Lading of the said Brigantine and that no other Provisions have been to their knowledge or Belief or shall be with their Privity and Consent Laden or put on board such Brigantine other than such as are for the Subsistance of her Crew and have been or shall be allowed and Permitted by the Naval Officer and that they will use their Utmost Endeavors to deliver the whole Cargoe of Provisions aforesaid to the proper Person or Persons to receive the same for the Use of the Fleet and Army of his most Christian Majesty; and the Agent Employed in directing the Loading of the said Brigantine also making Oath that the Provisions mentioned in the said Manifest are Shipped and Designed to be transported in the said Brigantine for the Use of the Navy and Army of his most Christian Majesty and for no other purpose to the best of his Knowledge and Belief and also the Like Permission granted to the Brigantine The Lady DeMeralles to Lade as aforesaid C. B.

[Washington to Jay (?)] Copy

Extract of a Letter from Gen[l] Washington, dated West point Sept[r] 20th 1779

Since writing the foregoing, I have rec[d] the following intelligence from a person in whose information I place considerable dependance.

"The enemy are still engaged in strengthening the City on all parts, they have raised three lines all pickitted in the rear of the City across the Island, are still employed at their Fort at Brooklyn. The light horse are assembled in force at Brooklyn ferry where Vessels are lying at Anchor to take them on Board a large quantity of Hay packet I put on board for their use. 55 transports have watered and anchored in the East river and bay more taking in water. From the best accounts near eight thousand men are preparing to embark, their destination unknown but generally believed for the West Indies or Carolina. Three frigates cruizing out to discover the first approaches of a French fleet. By accounts rec[d] last Thursday from Jamaica, the inhabitants had removed their stores and Women and Children to the mountains being fearful of the approach of the French. A deserter from Sandy hook reports that part of the fleet that sailed last Monday with the 44th and two Hessian Regiments had put back in a storm, they say they were bound for Halifax." This intelligence dated the 17th Ins[t]

C. B.

Tuesday 21 September 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt Daniel Bryan One hundred and Ninty seven Pounds thirteen shillings and three Pence due himself and also the further Sum of Eighty four Pounds, Eleven shillings due the Crew of the Dolphin p Acc^{ts} passed by the A^{ly}

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Maw Fifteen Pounds due her per Account passed by the Aud. General

Daniel Bryan first Lieutenant of the Galley Independence Resigns his Commission which is accepted of

Thursday 23^{d} September 1779

Present as on Tuesday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thomas Yoe late a 9 M^{o} Sold^{r} in the 5 Maryland Regim^{t} Discharged the amo^{t} of Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the A. Army

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Bryan Ninty five Pounds due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir, twelve thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Capt. Geo. Keeports of Baltimore for the Purchase of Linens and Cloathing for the Army on Account

C. C.
p. 25

[Council to G. Keeports.]

In Council Annapolis 23^{d} Septr 1779

Sir.

We are earnestly pressed to assist in cloathing our State Troops; Shirts are much wanted. We send you 12,000 £ by Mr Muir & request you'll lay it out in such Country Linen as will do to make Shirts for Soldiers: as you get the Linen, have it made up into Shirts we suppose unbleached Linen will do well enough for the Bodies, though the Sleves ought to be a little whitened. We shall also want a Quantity of Thread, of which Mr Muir will more particularly inform you, be so obliging as to purchase it, as Opportunity may offer, as well as assist Mr Muir in making a Contract for Hats. If you find you can make a better Purchase of imported Linen, we do not mean to exclude it, but we should prefer by much a Country Shirt of the same Fineness and Price, as it may be expected to wear so much better. The Women who make the Shirts ought to bring them in well washed. Advise us of your Success,

there is no Time to be lost. What is the Price of Country yarn stockings fit for Soldiers and could a considerable Number be got? C. C.

We are &ca

Capt Geo. P. Keeports.

[Council to P. Chaille.]

In Council Annapolis 23d Septr 1779

Sir

We have sent the Plater to Snow Hill for some Salt belonging to the State; We shall be obliged to you, to send by her what State Pork you have.

We are &ca

Colo Peter Chaille.

Friday 24 September 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Sands Forty Pounds Five shillings due him p Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richd Pindell Surgeon to the 4th Maryld Regt of Contl Troops two thousand Dollrs in leiw of the Articles for the Present Year allowed by the late Act of Assembly

[Council to Smallwood.] C. C. p. 25

In Council Annapolis 24th Septr 1779

Sir.

This covers a Copy of our Letter of the 17th of last Month and its Enclosure, sent you by Lit Hardman to which we have not had the Pleasure of receiving any Answer. Since Mr Randall's Return we had a Letter from the Cloathier General, desiring us to furnish what Cloathing we can; we also lately recd a Letter from his Exy Genl Washington and a Day or two ago, Resolutions of Congress on the same Subject. As the general Expectation was, that the Army was and would be fully provided with Cloathing, by the Means adopted by Congress, our Assembly made no Provisions in their last Session, for our Troops and it is now impossible to have a Session in Time to provide for this Occasion, wherefore we have resolved to procure what Cloathing we can, though we fear it may be short of what may be absolutely necessary, relying that the next Assembly will approve a Measure so essential to the

c. c. Health and Comfort of our Soldiers, though not strictly warranted by Law. We have by us about 300 Cloth Coats though in no Degree corresponding with your Uniform: them we intend to send, unless you advise us they will not be useful. We hope to get Cloth for 2000 Overalls and as many Waistcoats, blue, brown and white, 'tis impossible to get a sufficient Quantity of white for that number. We will endeavour, & hope to get 1500 or 2000 Hats; we shall endeavour to get 6000 Shirts, perhaps we may get two or 3000. We shall get what Stockings we well can, perhaps 1500 or 2000 Pair. We have Leather enough belonging to the State to make nearly 6000 Pair of Shoes, we may probably get 3000 Pair made and delivered from Time to Time to Mr Randall, by Christmass, and we wish, as soon as they can be spared, you would send us, from the Maryland Troops, 12 or 18 good Shoemakers with a good Sergeant, they might stay here this Winter, draw their Rations and be fully employed in making Shoes for our Division. We have no Prospect of getting any Number of Blankets; what could have been got here, have been, as most other suitable Articles, purchased by Continental Agents. We have thus given you an Account of our Prospects, from whence you will see how necessary it is that a due Proportion at least of what Cloathing may be in the Continental Stores, should be drawn for our Troops

We are &ca

Genl Smallwood

Original

[Baron Steuben to Gov. Johnson.]

Head Quarters 24th Sept 1779

Sir

The Season being now approaching when the Legislatures of the different States will no doubt take into Consideration the means of Recruiting their Regiments for next Campaign I thought it my duty to give your Excellency the necessary Information with regard to the present State of the Regiments furnished by your State and have therefore ordered Lt Coll Williams Sub Inspector to the Maryland Line to transmit to your Excellency immediately an accurate return of the several Regiments under his Inspection specifying the term for which the men are enlisted and when their time of Service expires. By this return your Excellency will perceive the great numbers wanting to compleat, add to these, the number whose times expire between this and Spring, the sick and those employed out of their Regiments as Waggonners, Artificers &c and the number left for actual service next Campaign will indeed be small

Such indeed has been the weakness of the Regiments this Campaign that we have been obliged to incorporate two and sometimes more Regiments together to form one Battalion in the Line. These temporary incorporations are however attended with too many Inconveniencies and are too disagreeable to Officers & Men to be Continued. Some means must therefore be found to remedy this by putting each Regiment on such a footing as may enable it to form a Battalion of itself Original

I would beg leave to observe to your Excell^y That the earlier and longer the time for which the Men are Enlisted the more service they will render the Country, it has always been the misfortune of our Army that from the advanced Season in which our Recruits have arrived they have been of very little Service: during the three next months is the proper time for raising Men for the service of next year and was a Rendevous appointed for the Recruits to assemble at, Officers might be sent from hence to receive and exercise them 'till the latter end of Feby when they might Join their Regiments and then with very little Instruction they would render more Service than double their number of raw Recruits

I have the honor to be with
greatest respect
Your Excellency's
most Obedient
and very humble Ser^t
Steuben
Maj: General

His Excellency Thomas Johnson

Saturday 25th September 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant Welsh 1 p^r Shoes for the use of the Comp^y of Invalids in the City of Annapolis

That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Barnes, four thousand four hundred and thirty four Pounds, eighteen shillings and nine pence for the use of William Johnson per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

[Delegates in Congress to Gov. Johnson.] Original

Phil^a Sepr 26th 1779

Sir.

Your Excellency will be informed by the enclosed Deposition of a number of Villains in the States of Maryland &

Original Virginia concerned in Counterfeiting the Currency of the United States. As Secrecy & expedition are necessary towards bring^{g} these wretches to punishment, We have not the least doubt but That Your Excellency, & the Country will adopt such measures you may deem necessary for accomplishing this End and are with the greatest respect & Esteem

Sir

Your Excellencys most
Obedient Servants
Wm Paca
Wm Cormichael
James Forbes
Dan of St Thos Jenifer

P. S. The enclosed Letters were referred, to the Maryland Delegates who have not been able to get information of any such man in our State. They therefore refer the same to Your Excellency & the Council The Count D^{e} Staigne with his Fleet and Army are off Georgia.

C. B. Monday 27 September 1779

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Cowman Junr Sixty three Pounds for the use of McHard & Comp^{y} ꝑ Account passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Samuel McPherson of the 1st Maryland Regim^{t} Two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the present Year allowed by the late Act of Ass^{y}

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Bruce of the same Reg^{t} two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed by the late Act of Assembly

Tuesday 28 September 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Issues send in the Galley Independence 6 Barrels of Pork to Capt Geo. Keeports for the use of the Matrosses in Baltimore

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Com^{o} Thomas Grason five hundred Pounds on Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith Six Pounds fifteen shillings to pay for Wafers for the use of the Council

That the said Treasurer pay to William Smoot Seventy three Pounds thirteen shillings and nine Pence Per Account passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Eastman one thousand seven hundred and thirty four Pounds for the use of Eastman & Neth ꝑ Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Smoot C. B.
3 Coats, 6 Hatts, 9 pair Shoes, and 4 pair Stockings for the 1st Regimt

That western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Samuel Jones of the 3d Regimt two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the present year allowed by the late Act of Assembly

Wednesday 29 September 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. William Brown of the Artillery the following Sums to wit.

for himself	750..	—
for James Smith Capt Lieut of his Compy	750..	—
James McFadon first Lieut of Do	750..	—
John Carson second Lieut of Do	750..	—
Six Serjts 5 Corporals 5 Bombardiers, 4 Gunners 1 Drum, 1 fife, & 55 Matrosses in the whole 77 a 20£ ea	1540..	—
		4540
For Richard Dorsey Capt of Artillery	750..	—
Ebenezer Finly Capt Lieut of Dorsey's Company	750	
Robert Wilmot first Lieut of Do	750	
Nicholas Ricketts second Lieut of Do	750	
Young Wilkinson second Lieut of Do	750	
6 Serjeants, 5 Corporals, 5 Bombardiers 4 Gunners, 1 Fife & 33 Matrosses in the whole 54 a £20	1080	
		4830
		£9370

Amounting in the whole to Nine thousand three hundred and seventy Pounds the Money allowed by the late Act of Assembly to the Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the said two Companies

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Joseph Marbury for the following Officers of the first Maryland Regimt to wit Majr Levin Winder, Capt Alex Roxburgh Captain Henry Gaither, Capt Edward Praul, Capt Walker Muse, Capt John Jordan, Lieut John Mitchell Lieut. Charles Smith, Lieut Richard Waters, Lieut Archd McCallister his to be paid over according to order to Genl Smallwood, Lieut Christo Richmond, Ens. Samuel Hanson Ens. Edmond Compton, Brigade Chapline Joseph Montgomery seven hundred and fifty Pounds each Allowance made by the late Act of

C. B. Assembly in the whole amounting to Ten thousand five hundred Pounds

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Capt Joseph Marbury for the following Officers of the third Maryland Regim^{t} to wit, Major Archibald Anderson, Captains Benjamin Brookes, Jacob Brice, John Smith, Horatio Clegget, William Wilmot, Captain Lieut Geo. Armstrong Lieut^{s} Francis Revely, Nicholas Manger, Samuel Farmer, Osborn Williams & Isaac Duvall, Ensigns John James, John Carr, Nicholas Gassaway, John McGuire, Thomas Price and Henry Baldwin, Surgeon William A Dashiell, Surgeons Mate Richard Sappington seven hundred & Fifty Pounds each & seven hundred and Fifty Pounds for himself the allowance made by the late Act of Assembly in the whole amounting to Fifteen thousand, seven hundred and Fifty Pounds

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Capt Joseph Marbury for the following Officers of the 5th Maryland Regim^{t} to wit Lieut Col^{o} John Eger Howard Maj^{r} John Eccleston, Captains John Lynch, Levin Handy, James Woolford, Gray and George Hamilton, Lieut^{s} Richd Bird Jonathan Gibson, Thomas Brogden Hugo, James Gould, Philip Reid and Benj^{a} Garnett Ens James Woulds, Surgeon John Dorsey, Surgeons Mate William Kelty, seven hundred and fifty Pounds each the allowance made by the late Act of Assembly in the whole amounting to eleven thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Capt Joseph Marbury for the Officers of the 7th Maryland Regim^{t} to wit, Col^{o} John Gunby, Captains Adam Grosh, John Courts Jones, Richard Anderson & William Beatty, Lieut^{s} Thomas Mason, Lloyd Beall, William Lamar, Peter Hardcastle, Gassaway Watkins, James John Skinner, James Bracco, & Charles Porter, Ensigns William Adams, Patrick Donnelly & Robert Denny, Surgeons Mate Levin Denwood seven hundred and fifty Pounds each the Allowance made by the late Act of Assembly in the whole amounting to twelve thousand seven hundred & Fifty Pounds

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Gordon One hundred and fifty Pounds four shillings & seven pence half Penny Balance of Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Joseph Marbury for the use of the following Officers to wit Capt Lilburn Williams of the 2^{d} Capt Thomas Lansdale of the 4th & Surgeon Thomas Parran of the 6th Regim^{t} seven hundred and fifty Pounds each the Allowance made by the late Act of Assembly amounting in the whole to two thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds

Thursday 30 September 1779 C, B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Beale Turner for the use of and to be delivered over to Zephaniah Turner Esqr One thousand six hundred and thirty three Pounds, three shillings and four pence the Allowance made him by the General Assembly in the last Session after deducting three hundred and Sixty six Pounds, sixteen shillings & Eight Pence the balance due from him to the State on the Auditor General's Books

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Beriah Maybury One hundred and seventeen Pounds, eight shillings and nine Pence Balance due him per Acc^{t} passed by the Aud. Genl and also the further sum of One hundred Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Joseph Marbury One hundred and five Pounds per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

By General Smallwoods Return of the first Maryland Brigade September 13th 1779 the non commissioned Officers and Rank and file are

1st Regiment	333 at £20 each	6660
3^{d} Do	462	9240
5th	311	6220
7th	320	6400
there are some Recruits on their way allow 10 men to be added for each Reg^{t} 40 a 20 ea		800
		29320
Deduct an Order by Mr Saml Chase on John Dorsey for Money due the Public for Powder &^{ca} Sold		14.757..5
		14.562..15

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Joseph Marbury Fourteen thousand five hundred and Sixty two Pounds fifteen shillings which with the Money to be received on the above mentioned Order amounting together to Twenty nine thousand three hundred and twenty Pounds, he is to pay over in the following Sums to wit, £6860, to Christopher Richmond Paymaster of the first, £9440 to Thomas Price Paymaster of the third £6420 to Jonathan Gibson, Paymaster of the 5th and £6600, to Robert Denny Paymaster of the 7th Maryland Regiment to be delivered over according to the late Act of Assembly to the Non commissioned Officers and Privates of those Regiments

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Benjamin King Commander of the Brig Maryland, 150 Tons burthen, mounting 16 Carriage Guns two Swivels and 25 Small Arms belonging to Hooe and Harrison and others of the States of Maryland and Virginia

C. C.
p. 26

[Council to C. G. Griffith.]

In Council Annapolis 30th Septr 1779

Sir.

The inclosed Copy of our Letter of the 11th Instant to Colo Bruce, will inform you of the Necessity of a Guard to be kept over the Prisoners there or on their Way thither. From what we have lately heard, the Necessity is still increased, by the Increase of the Number of Prisoners who have fallen into our Hands. Frederick County has been a good deal burthened as well as Washington, which induces us to call for a Company from Montgomery in the next Place, which shall, if the Continuance of a Guard should be necessary, be relieved by the Militia from some other County. In Execution of this Plan, we desire you will order a full Company of the Militia of your County of the Classes which have not yet served, consisting of one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Sergeants, four Corporals & 68 Privates to hold themselves in Readiness and actually to march so as to be at Fort Frederick the third Day of November next, where they are to Continue on Duty for five Weeks, unless sooner relieved; they are to have the Arms made Use of by the Frederick Company

We are &ca

Charles Greenbury Griffith
Lt of Montgomery County

C. B.

Friday 1st October 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Samuel late a 9 months Soldier in the 5th Maryland Regiment Discharged the amount of Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathing due him by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

C. C.
p. 26

[Council to W. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 1st Octr 1779

Sir

Mr Randall, our State Cloathier has come from Camp to see what Cloathing can be furnished by this State for its Troops. It seems they will probably much want Shirts, Blankets, Hats, & Stockings. Notwithstanding the Importations and Purchases, Mr Randall has received no Blanketts at all, and very few of the other Articles. It seems strange to call on us at this Season for Cloathing, after the Congress have had Agents to purchase

distributed almost every where, and when the Purchases might be so much better made under one general Direction; very little is in our Power; We understand that you have by you about 900 Blankets purchased for the Continent; it is very desirable our Division should have them and we wish you may consider yourself at Liberty to let us have them; if you can on our indemnifying you, we readily undertake it, and wish you to deliver them to Mr Randall, to whom, we shall be obliged to you to communicate what you can respecting Stockings, Linen for Shirts and Hatts C. C.

We are &ca

William Smith Esqr

Saturday 2d October 1779 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Robert Key Twenty six Pounds ninteen shillings per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty Thirty three Pounds, Thirty five Pounds, and Thirty Pounds, fifteen shillings for the use of Capt Richard Haff and the Gd of Magazine near Frederick Town, One hundred and three Pounds, fifteen shillings for the use of George Bare Per Accts passed by the Depy Aud and also the further Sum of three hundred and twenty five Pounds, and seven Pence half Penny for the use of John Baltzer on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo John Thompson twelve hundred and seventy seven Pounds, nine shillings and two pence on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Thomas Beatty Four hundred and seven Pounds, five shillings to be delivered over to Jacob Reasor on Account and also the further Sum of Four hundred and thirty seven Pounds, ten shillings to be delivered over to Capt. Richard Haff and charged to him on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Dallam Esqr Sixty Eight Pounds, nine shillings and four Pence for the use of Samuel Smith per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Nicholas Farrance a 9 Mo Soldr in the 6 Regimt Discharged the amount of Twenty six Pounds in Cloathing for himself and also Ten Pounds in Cloathing for the use of Christo Curts a 9 Mo Soldr in the same Regimt Discharged due them according to the Act of Assembly to procure troops for the American Army.

C. C.
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[Council to A. Faw.]

In Council Annapolis 2d Octr 1779

Sir

We are called on again to assist in Cloathing our Troops, we cannot do any Thing of Consequence below, to our Satisfaction in imported Goods; we most want Shirts, Blankets, Hats & Stockings, we wish you to buy up as quickly as you can, all Linen you can meet with, fit for Soldiers Shirts, either country made or imported, as far if you have an Opportunity, as will make 3000 Shirts, and have it made into Shirts as you get it; you'll be attentive to have them well made and washed. If you can get them on tolerable Terms; purchase as far as 1000 Blankets. If you can agree for Hats, contract as far as 1500, Stockings as far as 2000 Pair, especially if they can be soon got. Col° Johnson, on Enquiry, wrote the Governor that Hats bound were at 26 Dollars and yarn Stockings at 20 Dollars. Mr Beatty will supply you with Money from Time to Time as may be necessary and we shall, on your Receipts, replace it here. Diligence is necessary, exert yourself and write us frequently.

We are &^ca

Mr Abraham Faw.

[Council to W. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 2d Octr 1779

Sir.

We just now received your Letter of to Day. There is no armed Vessel here nor any fit for Sea except one, she is nearly loaded. We have but a few Barr^ls of Flour and no Bread at all belonging to the State, nor is there any Quantity in Town, we happened to have an Opportunity and have already wrote to Mr Hemsley to know if he or any Body in his Neigbourhood can immediately furnish any. The Independence now at Baltimore is the only Galley we have in Order; we wish you to consult with Commodore Grason, whether she would not answer the Purpose, if she will and you can engage a sufficient Number of Men, with those who belong to her, we suppose in the whole about 50 will be necessary we are very willing she should go; she may just call here to take in her Provisions and by that Time we can, on being advised you make Use of her, have the Dolphin loaded with Turnips & Potatoes to go with her. The Independence, we are afraid, will not carry a great
p. 7 Deal besides her Stores, but she may answer as a Convoy to any other Vessels you may send with her. We suppose the Orders will be to deliver to the French Fleet off our Cape, if

they can get there Time enough, or if it should have passed, to proceed after it. Would it not be well to encourage private People to send Supplies and Refreshments on giving good Security to deliver their Cargoes and bring back Certificates? on your Recommendation we should think ourselves justified in granting the Permits. The Supply to our Friends is a Thing we have much at Heart and wish more was in our Power; we shall gladly concur in any Measures you will recommend which may have that Effect. Would not it be well to send all the Flour which can be got in Kent & Cecil to Landings on Delaware to be shipped from thence (The Congress might recommend & we permit it) for we presume the French Fleet will make no long Stay short of New York and the less Navigation the Better. If you approve the Permits to private People on Security, immediately inform us, as perhaps we may induce some to be shipped from Potowmack. C. C.

We are &ca

William Smith Esqr

[Terrasson to Johnson.] Original

Monsieur

Nous avous l'honneur de reclamer la protection de votre Excellence, an sujet d'un français nommé Boisbrun, mis en Prison pour soupçon de vol, qui doit être jugé un de ces jours & peut être condamné à peine afflictive.

L'humanité nous engage à faire cette demarche auprès de Votre Excellence, considerant que l'opprobre dont il seroit couvert, rejailliroit sur toute sa famille qui est honnête, & seroit sensible à tons ses compatriotes

L'on nous a suggeré qu'én s'enrollant dans le service de ce continent cela aideroit a son élargissement. Il y est determiné; mais ce qui nous donne plus d'espérance, c'est que nous savons que sa grâce est dans les mains de Votre Excellence, à laquelle nous la demandons au nom de toute notre nation qui en aura une véritable reconnoissance

Nous avous l'honneur D'être avec un Profond Respect
de Votre Excellence

Le très humble et très
Obéissant Serviteur
Bmy Terrasson
deputé de la Nation française

Baltimore le 3d 8br 1779

C. B. Monday 4th October 1779

Present as on Saturday Except Edwd Lloyd Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Hall seven Pounds thirteen shillings and nine Pence due him per Acct passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Watkins junr Thirty four Pounds sixteen shillings due him & his Compy whilst on Duty at the City of Annapolis in May last per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

Como issued to James Wiley appointed Capt of a Compy of Fred. County Militia in the Battalion lately Commanded by Normand Bruce

C. C. [Council to J. Wiley.]

p. 27 In Council Annapolis 4th Octr 1779

Sir.

We have just received a Letter from the War Office dated the 27th of last Month, in which we are informed the Board of War, have desired Colo Moses Rawlings to take the charge and Government of the Prisoners sending to Fort Frederick. We are very glad that a Gentleman so capable of managing the Prisoners is appointed to the Care and Government of them and we request you will concur, as we have no Doubt you will, with Colo Rawlings to promote the End of his Appointment by attending to his Directions from Time to Time

We are &ca

Capt James Wiley.

p. 27 [Council to G. P. Keeports.]

In Council Annapolis 4th Octr 1779

Sir.

We are glad to be informed by Mr Randall and your Memo that you go on so well with the Shirts; we wish you to proceed so as to secure about 2000; if you can increase the Quantity and better the Quality by giving as far as £6 a yard, we are willing you should do so the Country Linen being so much more serviceable than the imported, we would give it the Preference, and if you see a fair Prospect of getting enough for the 2000 Shirts, we wish to have nothing to do with the imported Linen which Mr Smith spoke to you and wrote to us about, but if you cannot get the Country Linen as fast as you can have it made up, we request you to get the Favor of Mr Smith to supply you with enough to make up the Deficiency. If you can procure them soon, purchase as far as 1000 Hats

not to exceed twenty six Dollars. Any Number of Stockings that you can purchase not exceeding 2000 Pair we wish you to get, if strong & Good, we shall not grumble at 16 or 18 Dollars, if the Quality deserves it, go as far as 20; perhaps you might get the more if you advertised that you were appointed to purchase Stockings & Shirting for the Maryland Troops and request a Preference, some People yet amongst us would surely willingly give it. We send by this, or shall by the first Opportunity £15000 write us of the Receipt of it and frequently of your Success; do push the business our poor Fellows very much want Shirts. If you have more Linen by you than you can immediately make up, please to send it to Mr Muir with Thread that it may be made up here and Mr Randall, who waits for it, may be the sooner discharged. C. C.

We are &ca

Capt Geo. P. Keeports

[Washington to Jay.] Copy

Head Quarters West point 4 Octob 1779

Sir

I had the honor of receiveing your Excellencys Letters of the 26th & 27th Ultimo at half after twelve O'Clock yesterday. Immediately upon the Receipt of it, I set about concerting the measures necessary for a cooperation with his Excellency the Count D Estaing agreeable to the powers vested in me by the Resolve of Congress of the 26th Ulto

I have called upon the State of Massachusetts for 2000 Militia Connecticut for 4000 New York for 2500, New Jersey for 2000 and Pennsylvania for 1500, the last is below the Quota that she ought to furnish, in proportion to her strength, but I was induced to make a requisition of that number only, upon a consideration, that we shall be obliged to call largely upon that State for the means of transportation of provisions and supplies of all kinds, I have also taken the liberty, to press the States above mentioned to use the most vigorous exertions in procuring supplies of provisions especially of Flour, for the want of which, I fear we shall be much embarrassed, should we draw such a head of men together as will be necessary to give our operations a tolerable prospect of success.

I have not heard from Genl Sullivan but by report since the 30th August, I have however dispatched an Express to him (upon a supposition that he has compleated the object of his expedition and is upon his return) desiring him to hasten his march, and directing him to leave as few Men as he possibly

Copy can in the frontier Garrisons, I have also wrote to Gen[l] Gates desiring him to hold all the Continental troops under his command ready to march this way, should the Count D' Estaing, upon settling a plan of operations determine upon an attempt against New York. But there is a possibility that he may, upon being made acquainted with the numbers and situation of the enemy prefer an attack upon Rhode Island, I have desired Gen[l] Gates to be looking towards and preparing for such an event, I had, upon the first report of the Counts standing towards this Coast, stationed Major Lee in Monmouth with a letter for him, to be carried on board upon his first appearance in which, I informed him of the enemys force by Sea & Land, their position at that time, and pointed out to him the measures which I thought it would be most advantagious for him to pursue upon his arrival I am preparing fresh letters for him, in which, I shall inform him fully of all posterior Events, and the measures I am taking for a cooperation. I am also engaging and sending down proper pilots to him.

I have taken the liberty to countermand the march of Col Clarke with the two Regiments of North Carolina, upon a presumption, that from the favorable aspect of affairs to the Southward, I shall stand justifiable for such a measure

I observe by a Resolve of Congress lately transmitted to me, that three of the Continental Frigates were ordered to South Carolina. I do not know the views of Congress in making this disposition but should they have no particular object in contemplation I would venture to recommend their being ordered to join the Counts Fleet, which in my opinion woud be much benefitted by an additional number of Frigates, especially for the Navigation of the North River and the Sound. I think it would be also well, should the Marine Committee be directed to turn their attention to the transportation of Flour from the Delaware and Chesapeak by Water, Should we obtain the command of the Sea, Vessels may, without the least danger, be introduced into the Hook, thence to Amboy, from whence their Cargoes may be easily conveyed in Boats to Newark Bay, or should some of them run round into the Sound, it would be equally, nay more convenient Should we operate to the Eastward, measures of this kind will be indispensibly necessary, as the length and difficulty of Land Carriage will render the support of any considerable Body of Men almost impossible.

The Wheat of Maryland being in more forwardness for grinding than any other, I could wish that Governor Johnson may be requested to push the purchases within that State. The Commissary General gives the fullest encouragement on

the score of Beef, but of Flour he continues to express his fears Copy

I have the honor to be Yours &c
G. Washington

Copy

N. B. The Frigates were Countermanded & ordered to be in in the Sound before the Gen[ls] Orders was received

His Excellency John Jay Esq[r]

Tuesday 5th October 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday E. Lloyd Esq[r] attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Gilbert Middleton Fifteen thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Capt George Keeports and to be applied in the Purchase of Linen &[ca] for the Maryland Troops and Accounted for

[Council to W. Hemsley.] C. C. p. 27

In Council Annapolis 5th Oct[r] 1779

Sir

We have yet no Answer to our Letter of Sunday to M[r] Smith, so that we do not know what Prospects he has of Flour nor did he explain to us in his Letter what Kind of Flour he wanted or the Price. We shall send to him a Copy of your Letter from whence he will see your Ideas and if his Affairs are in the Situation they too probably are, we expect you will soon hear from him with the necessary Information of his Arrangement of his Business to prevent as far as may be any Clashing. We intend to send over to Emmerson's Ware House for your 50 Barr[ls] & the same Boat may take the Remnant of your old Purchase, if it lies at the same Place. We have a Confidence you will be as moderate as you can in the Price

We are &[ca]

W[m] Hemsley Esq[r]

[Council to Col. Hooe.] p. 28

In Council Annapolis 5th Oct[r] 1779

Sir

M[r] John Randall our State Cloathier, goes to Alexandria to see if any Soldiers Shirting, Hats, Stockings or Blankets can be picked up there for our Troops. We shall be obliged to

c. c. you for your Advice and Assistance to him, if he is able to do any Thing, the Gent. with whom he may contract may be assured of having the Money immediately sent and we shall be still more obliged that you will make yourself responsible if necessary

We are &ca

Colo Hooe

[Council to R. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 5th Octr 1779

Sir.

Since the Receipt of your Letter of the 30th we have received one from Colo Blaine dated the 28th last, he strongly mentions to us the encreased Demands for Flour and his bad Prospects in Pennsylvania, he concludes with saying "My Expectation of Flour from Maryland is very great, and have wrote the Purchasing Agents in the most pressing Terms, to procure all they possibly can and forward it without Delay I beg your Excellency and Council to give them every possible Assistance." There seems to be no Prospect of an End to your Embarrassments in purchasing with Money since Philadelphia has broke loose and the Expectation of the Embargoe being taken off in Pennsylvania has spread itself, there can be no Hope of purchasing at the limited Prices. We wrote Mr Smith last Sunday, which we presume he has communicated to you, advising that the Continental and, if any, the French Salt should be immediately exchanged for Wheat and Flour. On further considering the Matter in all its Consequences, we are satisfied 'tis the best if not the only Resource that is left, adequate in any Degree to the present pressing Emergency; we are confirmed in this opinion by Conversations with several People and especially with a Gent from Harford who says he is satisfied that in three Days you might have lodged at the Mills at Bush Town, two Pounds of good Wheat for every Pound of Salt you have at Otter Point to be delivered there on the Receipts for the Wheat at the Mills being produced. An Exchange on such Terms, or what would be equal in Flour, 8000 of your 10000 Bushls of Salt would throw more into your Hands in three Weeks than you will probably purchase at any Price in three Months. In Conversation Yesterday with Mr Plater, he informs us that he was some Time ago advised by Mr Govr Morris that they had come to a Resolution of exchanging the surplus Continental Salt for Wheat and Flour and thinks it a mere Omission that Orders have have not been giving accordingly. It is of so much Consequence

to procure Flour, that we request you will exchange immediately all you can, reserving about 2000 Bush[ls] of Salt and writing immediately to the Committee on the Commissary and Quarter Master General's Departm[ts] to countermand or approve; there is no Time to be lost, and for what is done before you have Instructions, we are willing to be considered as responsible. We wish the Salt to go into as many Hands as possible, as it may tend to keep down the Price of that Article with which Sellers seem willing to measure the Price of What they have to dispose of. We cannot furnish a Galley to lie below the Town, we believe if we could have one in each River in the State, we could not prevent small Quantities of Wheat and Flour going to Virginia. C. C.

We are &[ca]

Robert Buchanan Esq[r]

Wednesday 6th October 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Littell Ninty one Pounds seventeen shillings and Six Pence ꝑ Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud. That the said Treasurer pay to Commodore Grason two hundred and thirty six Pounds on Acc[t]

[Council to W. Hemsley.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 6th October 1779 p. 29

Sir.

The Dolphin goes over for the 50 Barr[ls] of Flour and the 10 or 12 of the old Purchase; be pleased to order them to be delivered; the old Flour marked in such a Manner that they may be distinguished on the first View, from the New.

We are &[ca]

William Hemsley Esq[r]

Friday 8th October 1779 C. B.

Present as on Wednesday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Currey Three thousand eight hundred and fifty Pounds to be delivered over to William Hemsley Esq[r] to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wells two thousand five hundred Pounds to be Acc[d] for

That the said Treasurer pay to William Logan three hundred Pounds due him per Account passed by the Dep[y] Aud.

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Com° Thomas Grason one hundred and fifty five Pounds, five shillings for the use of Robert Johnson due him per Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to John Martin Commander of the Brigantine Tom Johnson 120 Tons Burthen navigated with 40 Men mounting 12 Carriage Guns 4 Swivels and 16 small Arms belonging to Johnson & Ridley & others of Maryland.

dated 25th Septr 1779

C. C. p. 29

[Council to S. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 8th Octr 1779

Sir.

We have just received a Resolution of Congress of the 2^d Instant recommending to the Governor and Council of this State to permit as much Bread, Flour and Wheat to be exported for the State of Virginia as the said State may want for its public Supply. We have also received a Letter of the 5th Ins^t from Col. Saml Griffin requesting that there might be enclosed to you the necessary Powers for the Purpose, you being appointed Agent by the Board of War of Virginia. There does not appear to us to be any Thing further necessary to empower you to execute this Business, but to give Permission to the Particular Vessels to load the Bread and Flour which you may purchase for and send to Virginia, which we shall grant on being made acquainted with the Descriptions of the Vessels you employ, the Names of the Captains and what they are to load with and Bond and Security being given to deliver the Lading to the Board of War and produce a Certificate here of its having been done, the Dangers of the Voyage excepted.

We are &^ca

Col° Saml Smith.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 8th Octr 1779.

Gen^t

Mr Francis Lewis on the 27th Jany 1779, wrote the Governor from Baltimore that he was on a Visit to his Family then there, that as a Member of the Marine Board, he had been charged to inspect the fitting out some Continental Vessels, of which one was a new Vessel, fitting out for a Packet Boat, commanded by Thos Read Esqr that she was pierced for 12 Guns, 4 pound^rs "and, as no such Cannon could be procured at

Balt° he was induced to apply to the Governor for 10 Pieces of Cannon for that Purpose &ca," if the Cannon can be spared, please to let me know the Terms on Behalf of the State & upon the Receipt of your Answer, I shall return to Congress and repeat the same." We wrote him 11th Feby that we had six 4 Poundrs which belonged to the Defence, we believed very good & their Carriages compleat, that the Congress might have them with their Carriages for the Price such would sell for at Balt° of which we presumed, he might be, easily ascertained; that we had no other 4 Pounders that we could spare with Convenience, that we had some Guns made at Dorsey's Works for fours, but they carried a Shot of 5lb and upwards, perhaps we could make out the Number with them, if we can, the Congress may have four of them, but that it was likely they were too heavy for the Purpose. Capt Read afterwards passed us this Receipt Received of the State of Maryland for the Use of the Baltimore Packet belonging to Congress, two short three Pounders and four long three pounders with their Carriages, which were sent to Baltimore by the Governor and Council and also four short three Pounders Apl 1st 78." Thos Read. The six three Pounders with their Carriages first mentioned in the Rect had been sent to Balt° in Consequence of a Letter from the Marine Committee, dated York Town 4th March 78, in which the Committee agreed to the Terms proposed in our Letter to Mr Lewis of the 11th Feby preceeding; so that we had no Idea of our having any Thing further to do with the Guns. We received a Letter from Messrs Morris, Nesbit & Co, concerning nine of these Guns, an Extract of which is enclosed, to us 31st Augt last by the Marine Committee, these Letters may easily be recurred to & the Title to them must depend on the Contract between the Committee & those Gentlemen, for we have no Claim to them, they belonged to the Congress C. C.

We are &ca

Delegates in Congress

Saturday 9th October 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Commission issued to Edward Cockey appointed Sheriff of Baltimore County

Monday 11 October 1779

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serjeant

C. B. John Neary of the 1st Regimt 1 pair Shoes, 1 Coat, and 1 Hatt.

That Mr Goldsmith deliver to Com° Grason 1 Side Leather for the use of the Galley Independence

Tuesday 12th October 1779

Present as on Yesterday Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Attended

The Commission of Capt Joseph Ford from Thomas Richardson Assistant Commissary of Purchases of the 3d of July 1778 to be Assistant Commissary of Purchases for the Counties of Saint Mary's and Calvert in the State of Maryland being Produced to this Board, Licence is hereby given to him the said Joseph Ford according to the Act of Assembly in such Case lately made and Provided to Act and transact in the Counties aforesaid as Assistant Comy of Purs

Ordered that the Western shore Treasurer pay to James Brice Esq One hundred and five Pounds due him for his Attendance in Council to this Day

Commissions issued to Thomas Gray Elected Sheriff of Calvert County to Thomas Harwood Sheriff of Ann Arundel County and also to Benjamin Cawood Sheriff of Charles County

C. B. Wednesday 13th October 1779

Present as on Yesterday

William Hatton of the Matross Compy at Annapolis being an Invalid and having procured Abraham Lawell an Able bodied Man to serve in his stead during the War, is therefore discharged from any further Service in the said Company

Summons's issued for Ignatius Wheeler Ignatius Wheeler junr, John Love Capt Charles Baker, James Bartin, James Webster, James Giles and Robert Amas to Testify in the Case of the Sheriff of Harford County

Commission issued to Alexander Clagett elected Sheriff of Washington County

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette seventy seven Pounds five shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Lusby four Pounds fourteen shillings and four Pence half penny due him per Account passed by the Aud. Genl

Permission is hereby granted to Lade on board the Schooner Cambridge of the Burthen of Fifty Tons or thereabouts belonging to Joseph Dowson & Compy a Cargoe of Flour, Potatoes, Turnips and other Vegetables and the same to clear

out and transport in her to and for the Use of the Fleet and Army of his most Christian Majesty the Captain of the said Schooner previous to his Lading on Board any of the said Articles giving Bond payable to this State in the Penalty of Fifteen thousand Pounds Conditioned that if the said Cargoe shall be delivered on board the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty the Danger of the Seas and Enemies only excepted and shall within four Months from the Date of such Bond produce to the Governor and Council of this State a Certificate under the Hand of a Captain or Commanding Officer of some one of the Ships of War of the said Fleet or some Officer of the said Fleet of higher Rank of such Delivery then such Bond to be void else of Full force, and the Captain of the said Schooner also making Oath before the Naval Officer who shall clear out the said Vessel at or before the time of her clearing out that he will use his utmost Endeavours to prevent the said Cargoe or any part thereof falling into the Hands of the Enemy and will deliver the same if in his Power to or on board some of the said Fleet. C. B.

Thursday 14th October 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Commission issued to Christopher Edelin elected Sheriff of Frederick County

Friday 15th October 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Alexander Furnival Twelve Pounds eleven shillings and three pence for the use of Cornelius Garretson and Fifty two pounds eight shillings and Nine pence due himself per Acct passed by the Depy Aud

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty Esquire Thirty thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Abraham Faw and to be by him expended in Purchasing Cloathing for the Maryland Troops in the Continental Service and accordingly Accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to John Randall two thousand Dollars on Account

On the Application of William Smith Esqr of Baltimore Town who is to this purpose commissioned and authorized by Mr Holker who is Agent for the Marine of his most Christian Majesty

Licence is hereby granted to Lade and export in the

C. B. Schooner Baltimore now lying in the Port of Baltimore her Cargoe of Flour and other Provisions for the use of the Fleet and Army of His most Christian Majesty in the West Indies, the said Schooner clearing out at the proper Office and the Captain previously thereto delivering into such Office a Manifest of her Lading and together with two other of the Principal Officers of the said Schooner making Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that such Manifest contains a true Account of the Lading of the said Schooner and that no other Provisions have been to their knowledge or Belief or shall be with their Privity and Consent laden or put on board such Schooner other than such as are for the Subsistance of her Crew and have been or shall be allowed and permitted by the Naval Officer and that they will use their utmost Endeavors to deliver the whole Cargoe of Provisions aforesaid to the proper Person or Persons to receive the same for the use of the Fleet and Army of his most Christian Majesty; and the Agent employed in directing the Loading of the said Schooner also making Oath that the Provisions mentioned in the said Manifest are shipped and designed to be transported in the said Schooner for the use of the Navy and Army of his most Christian Majesty and for no other Purpose to the best of his Knowledge and Belief

C. C.
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[Council to A. Faw.]

In Council Annapolis 15th Octr 1779

Sir

We send you by Mr Beatty thirty thousand Pounds. We go on in Baltimore better than we expected in the Purchase of Country Linen from £5 to £6. a Yard, wherefore we request you to purchase Linen sufficient for only 1500 instead of the 3000. Have the Linen made up into Shirts as quick as possible & washed. Mr Randall the State Cloathier is waiting for the Cloaths we are collecting

We are &^ca

Mr Abraham Faw.

[Council to G. P. Keeports.]

In Council Annapolis 15th Octr 1779

Sir

We are glad to hear you have a Prospect of getting your Quantity of Country Linen Mr Randall waits for what we can do towards cloathing the Troops, wherefore we wish you to get the Shirts made as soon as possible. Get what Hats you

can, not exceeding the Number formerly wrote for, we expect a good many from Frederick. You did right in not taking the imported moth eaten Stockings, it would have only been a Cheat on the poor Fellows, whose Lot they might have fallen to. Chestis has done very ill in inlisting such scattering Fellows, it was very contrary to the express Directions given to him; we had better be without any than have such Rascals to pay and maintain and, unless he will be more attentive to his Orders, he must desist from pretending to act under them; as Things are circumstanced, we would have these Chaps advertised 50 Dollars each, they ought to be punished. We will send you up Cloathing for the Few Men at Baltimore by the first good Opportunity. We approve the Appointment of Swan and desire him to continue 'til contrary Orders. We shall return the Flour to Mr Buchanan as well as any Thing else of the Kind he may lend you. It does not appear to us to be worth While to go into an Appointment of Officers, unless the Assembly should think proper to raise Companies, especially as a little Time will probably disclose the Necessity or Uselessness of Companies, nor indeed, do we know at present, where we could get proper Officers C. C.

We are &ca

Capt Geo. P. Keeports.

Saturday 16th October 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith Two thousand Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Thirty Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Welsh Eighteen Pounds Fifteen shillings Amount of Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the Continental Treasurer deliver over to Richard Dallam Fifteen thousand Pounds the Purchase of Flour for the American Army by Virtue of the Resolution of Congress of the 9th Instant

On the Application of Colo Moses Rawlings by his Letter of the 12th Inst. Licence is granted to Henry Ackart according to the Act of Assembly in such Case late made and Provided to act and transact in Washington County as Assistant Commissary of Purchases under the said Moses Rawlings & by his Appointment

C. C.
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[Council to C. T. Wederstrandt.]

In Council Annapolis 16th Octr 1779

Sir.

We have just received Letters from Philadelphia strongly impressing the Necessity of forwarding Supplies of Flour to Genl Washington's Army; we are satisfied your Exertions will not be wanting; push Every Thing forward as fast as possible and advise us of the Quantity you have contracted for and what has gone forward

We are &^ca

Conrad Theodore Wederstrandt Esqr

[Council to W. Hemsley.]

In Council Annapolis 16th Octr 1779

Sir.

We received Letters Yesterday pressing our Exertions to obtain a Quantity of Flour for Genl Washington's Army: you know as well as we how much all of us have depending on the Army's being supplied and we understand it is in your Power soon to furnish a good Deal: we therefore send this by Express, to desire you will either let the Continent have it, or, if more agreeable to you to have your Transactions with this State to let us have it and send it forward with Invoices to the Head of the Bay to be delivered to the proper Officers and Receipts taken We write to you with the Confidence you deserve as a Gentleman and a Whig and have no Doubt but if the Account is to be settled between us, it will be on the Principles of Justice and Honor on both Sides. Much depends on Activity, write us by the Return of this Messenger. No body must have your Flour for any other Purpose than supplying the Army.

We are &^ca

Wm Hemsley Esqr

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[Council to R. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 16th October 1779

Sir.

We yesterday received very pressing Letters on the Subject of Flour for General Washington's Army; they intimate great Dependance on Maryland for Supplies, the Occasion is so pressing that unless you have an Answer from Col. Blaine, forbidding it, we by all Means recommend your parting from 2000 of the 3000 Bushels of Salt you have on Hand in Exchange for Wheat and Flour. We imagine a Bushel of Allum

Salt ought to be given for and would command three Bushels of Wheat and other Salt in due Proportion. Do exert yourself to obtain and send forward what Flour you possibly can, no Time is to be lost. As far as you can, prevent the Salt falling into the Hands of People to sell again; pray write us frequently we are extreamly anxious to hear of your being in a good Way c. c.

We are &ca

Robert Buchanan Esqr

[Council to I. Perkins.]

In Council Annapolis 16th Octr 1779

Sir.

We shall send you by the Plater in a few Days about 250 Bushels of Country made Salt, which we request you to exchange for Wheat, one Bushel of Salt for two of Wheat, which we have no Doubt, it will readily command, as this Salt was made upwards of two years ago, it must now be very good. We wish you to distribute the Salt as much as you can in the Exchange to make it as generally useful as may be and prevent its being sold again for Profit, and that you'll grind up the Wheat in Flour fit for the Army and forward it to the Head of the Bay, to be sent with the Rest. We shall be much obliged to you to expedite this Business all in your Power and shall at any Time be ready to settle the Account with you with Pleasure, and inform us of your Proceedings

We are &ca

Colo Isaac Perkins

N B Only 200 Bushls of Salt sent.

[Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 16th Octr 1779

Sir.

We yesterday received Letters from Congress desiring our Exertions in procuring Flour for the Use of our Army and empowering us to apply Money for that Purpose. We do not know that any Continental Agent is at present acting in so capital a Part of the Country for this Business as your County. Your Letter having notified us that you did not act & Mr Giles, whom you mention to us as having been appointed, not yet having yet applied for a Licence. The Occasion is so pressing that, notwithstanding your Disinclination to transact public Business, we cannot but request your Assistance and desire you will, as speedily as possible, purchase what Flour you can,

C. C. and Wheat and have it made into Flour coarse, fit for the Army and send it forward, taking proper Receipts, the Account will be to settle with us. We now send you £15000, further Sums shall be paid as desired. If you cannot prevail on yourself to execute this Business, we must get you to put it into the Hands of some Body worthy of it, for it will not do to have it delayed 'til we can hear from you and make another Appointment, but we much wish it to be transacted by you, write us and that fully and often.

We are &ca

Richard Dallam Esqr

p. 32 [Council to G. P. Keeports.]

In Council Annapolis 16th Octr 1779

Sir

We have Occasion for a Quantity of Flour and it seems probable to us that Wheat might readily be got in Exchange for Powder at the Rate of a Bushel for a Pound. Be pleased to consult with Mr Hanson who keeps the Mill by Town and if he thinks it can be done, furnish him from Time to Time with the Necessary Quantities, get him to exchange it and to grind up the Wheat taking out the Bran and Shorts only, and pack it for Removal; if any Thing can be done in this Way, have the Wheat ground up as it comes in, write us on this Subject.

We are &ca

Capt Geo. P. Keeports.

C. B. Monday 18th October 1779

Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Welsh two hundred and fifty Dollars the Bounty paid by him to William Armitage enlisted by him to do Garrison Duty &ca within this State and also Sixteen Dollars for enlisting said Armitage

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Patterson Twenty Pounds ꝑ Account passed by the Depy Aud

That the said Treasurer pay to James Roper one hundred and ninty nine Pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud Genl

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to George Rogers ninty six Pounds due him per Account passed by the Aud Genl

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Fifty eight

Pounds ten shillings due him per Account passed by the Aud Gen[l] C. B.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Richard Welsh Cloth sufficient for a Waistcoat and Breeches

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to William Cannon and William Gash 9 Months Soldiers in the 3[d] Maryland Regiment Discharged the amount of Twelve Pounds each in Cloathing due them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the American Army

Col[o] Baker Johnson agrees with the Board, that for fifty Bushels of Country made Salt (for which he has an Order on M[r] Crysall) he will deliver to M[r] Crysall in Annapolis the Flour Produced from one hundred Bushels of good Wheat well and carefully ground up and packt in Barrels the Public paying the actual Cost of the Barrels on Affidavit of the Miller, to be sent with the Flour of the Quantity sent being the ful and real produce of the one hundred Bushels of Wheat

Ordered that M[r] Crysall deliver to Col[o] Baker Johnson Fifty Bushels of Country made Salt

Commission of a Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to John Harrison Commander of the Sloop Gen[l] Lincoln 90 Tons Burthen navigated by 30 Men mounting 10 Carriage Guns 10 Swivels and 16 Small Arms belong[g] to Steven Steward & Company of the State of Maryland

[Council to N. Bruce.] C. C. p. 32

In Council Annapolis 18th Oct[r] 1779

Sir

We are called on for our Assistance to procure Flour for the Use of the Army; we are so desirous of doing it that we would fall on every Method which may have a Chance of inducing People to get out and part from their Wheat for this essential Service. Amongst other Means, we have thought it probable that a good deal of Wheat might be collected by small Quantities at the Mills in Exchange for Powder, at the rate of a Bushel of Wheat for a Pound of Powder. We therefore request that you would take to your Mill a Barrel or two, lodge at Alex[r] Ogles Mill and at Roger Johnson's Mills respectively, about the same Quantity and with M[r] Joseph Cromwell at Frederick Town about the same Quantity and at any other convenient Mills, where good Care can be depended on, about the same Quantities to be exchanged on the Terms mentioned above, supplying Powder in reasonable Quantities, on the Expenditure of what was before delivered, the Mills to grind up the Flour, separating only the Bran and Shorts and pack-

C. C. ing it, as the Wheat. What Flour may be made at your and Mr Ogle's Mills, to be sent down to Baltimore and delivered to the Issuing Commissary there, taking Receipts. Advise us from Time to Time of your Success. What Wheat Mr Cromwell may collect, we would have ground up by some good Mill in the Neighbourhood, and concerning that and what may be made at Mr Johnson's Mill, we will give future Directions, which will depend a good deal on the State of Mr Murdock's Affairs

We are &ca

P. S. If Colo Bruce is not returned home, Colo Baker Johnson is requested to execute this Business and is empowered to call on the Capt of the Guard for the Powder to enable him to do it

Normand Bruce Esqr or in his Absence, Col. Baker Johnson

C. B. Tuesday 19th October 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Ens. Edward Sims of the 1 t Maryland Regiment two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles for the present Year allowed by an Act of Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Alexander Lawson Smith of the Rifle Battalion two thousand Dollars in leiw of the Articles &ca

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Noah Reeves a 9 Mo Soldr in the 6th Regimt discharged the amt of Twelve Pounds in Cloathing, also six Pounds, fifteen shillings in Cloathing for the use of Michael Rawark a 9 Mo Soldr the 4th Regimt Dischd and also to Andrew Craven a 9 Mo Soldr in the 6th Regt Dischd the amt of nine Pounds ten shillings in Cloathing due them by an Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the A. Army.

A Petition of Edmund Talbot, Mathew Talbot and Sundry other Inhabitants of Harford County complaining of an undue and irregular Election of Sheriffs for the said Coty being presented to this Board. It is ordered that an Hearing on the said Petition be had before the Governor & Council at Annapolis on Monday the 1st day of November next and that a Copy of this Order be served on James Horner & also on Thomas Dorsey on or before Saturday the 23d Day of this Instant and that Summons's issue for Witnesses on the Application of any of the Parties

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to

George Garston Commander of the Sloop Hope 45 Tons burthen navigated with 7 Men mounting two Wall Pieces and two Musketts belonging to James Williams & C° of the State of Maryland C. B.

Wednesday 20th October 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Commission issued to Simon Nicholls elected Sheriff of Montgomery County

Summon's issued for Job Garretson, Joshua Stevenson, William Bosley, William Jacob, James Young, George Lux, Thomas Cradock, Aquila Johns, John Rogers, John Deaver Henry Howard, Richard Lemmon, Herculous Courtney, Robert Lemmon & Richard Cromwell to Testify in the Case of the Election for Sheriffs for Baltimore County

Thursday 21st October 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Commission issued to Patrick Hamilton elected Sheriff of Cecil County and also to Charles Gardiner appointed Register of the Land Office for the Eastern shore of this State

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Renshaw Twelve Pounds per Account passed by the Depy Aud

That the said Treasurer pay to William Hyde Two thousand Dollars for the use of John Hamilton Lieut and Paymaster to the 4th Regimt being the Allowance made by the Genl Assembly to the Officers of the Maryland Line in leiw of Articles for the Present Year

Levin Spedding Licenced as Deputy Assistant Commissary of Purchases appointed by Conrod Theo. Wederstrandt Assistant Commissary of Purchases this Day, under a Commission from Ephraim Blaine Esquire also Nicholas Goldsborough, John Caile Harrison, George Dawson, Robert Walter and Aquila Brown Licenced separately appointed by Conrod T. Wederstrandt this Day under a Commission from Ephraim Blaine Esquire

[Council to J. Thomas.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 21st Octr 1779 p. 32

Sir

We yesterday appointed you one of the Judges of the General Court, the Commission is not yet issued, merely

C. C. because we do not know whether it will be agreeable to you or not: we hope and flatter ourselves that it will and shall be obliged to you if you will acquaint us soon of your Sentiments on this Subject.

We are &ca

John Thomas Esqr

C. B. Friday 22d October 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Commission issued to James Haynie elected Sheriff of Somerset County and also to Thomas Williams elected Sheriff of Prince Georges County

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wilmot junr one hundred and seventeen Pounds due to him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Roper two hundred and twenty five Pounds due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That Capt George Keeports deliver to Colo Richard Dallam on his Application what Powder he may think he can exchange for wheat

C. C. [Council to R. Dallam.]

p. 33 Mr Dallam! In Council Annapolis 22d Octr 1779

Sir.

If you can exchange the Salt you have in your Hands belonging to the State or Continent for Wheat (Allum Salt, one Bushel for three of Wheat, other imported Salt, 1 Bushel for 2½ of Wheat, Country Salt, 1 Bushel for 2 of Wheat) we think it advantageous for the Service and desire you'll do it

Richd Dallam Esqr T. I.

[Council to S. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 22d Octr 1779

Sir

We inclose you a Permit for the Schooner Willing Maid, as you desire; we cannot with any Propriety give a general Permission. Colo Griffin, as he passed through this Place, before the Recommendation of Congress, delivered us Letters from the Lieut Governor and Board of War of Virginia, requesting they might purchase and export for their State Use, about 5000 Barrls of Flour, our prohibitory Act not leaving us the Power, and Col. Griffin agreeing that about 2000 Barrls would

be sufficient, 'til after the Meeting of our Assembly, the Governor Wrote to our Delegates in Congress, desiring they would procure a Recommendation of Congress to enable us to permit about that Quantity to be purchased and exported. The Recommendation of Congress stands indefinite; we do not know what Quantity you are desired to purchase, but we cannot consider ourselves at Liberty to permit more than the 2000 Barr[ls], unless the Assembly, on its Meeting should enlarge the Quantity, which we think they probably will, on any reasonable Satisfaction being given to them that more is necessary. The Difficulty of getting Flour for the Army and the French, makes us desirous and we hope will make the Assembly desirous that there should be as few rival Purchasers as possible We are &[ca] C. C.

Col[o] Samuel Smith

Saturday 23[d] October 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Summons issued for Thomas Boyd, James Beck & Hugh Lyon to Testify on a Hearing of the Petition of Fielder Bowie against the Sheriffs election for Prince Georges County

A Petition of Fielder Bowie of Prince Georges County complaining of an undue and irregular election of Sheriffs for the said County being presented to this Board. It is ordered that an hearing on the said Petition be had before the Governor and Council at Annapolis on Tuesday the 2[d] Day of November next and that a Copy of this order be served Thomas Williams on or before Saturday the 23[d] day of this Instant and that Summon's issue for Witnesses on the Application of any of the Parties

Permission granted in Pursuance of the Recommendation of Congress of the 2[d] Instant to the Schooner Willing Maid belonging to Mess[rs] Thomas Archer & C[o] of Virginia commanded by Capt Hunt to Lade and transport to Virginia for the use of that State, a Cargoe of Flour, a Manifest of such Cargoe being lodged in the Naval Office at Baltimore and the vessel there cleared out and a Bond being to this State in the Penalty of one thousand Pounds with good and sufficient Security conditioned that if the said Cargoe shall be delivered to the proper Officer appointed to receive the same in Virginia the Danger of the Voyage excepted and that a Certificate of such Delivery from the Board of War of the said State of Virginia, shall be produced to the Governor and Council of this State within two Months from the Time of the said Vessel clearing out then the Obligation to be void &[ca]

C. B. Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Murphey a Soldier, late of Capt Lucas's Company of the old Maryland Regiment who lost one of his Legs in Consequence of a Wound received in the Battle on Long Island in 1776, two hundred Pounds so much allowed him up to the first Day of next Month by this Board by Virtue of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 9th of August last

That the said Treasurer pay to Eleanor Gibson ninty Pounds an Allowance made her up to the first Day of next Month by the Governor and Council by Virtue of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 14th August Last

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Samuel Maddin a 9 Mo Soldier in the 5th Regimt discharged the Amount of Twenty nine Pounds, ten shillings in Cloathg due him per Act of Assembly to procure Troops for the A. Army

Monday 25th October 1779

Present as on Saturday except T Sim Lee Esqr

Commission issued to John Selby junr elected Sheriff of Worcester County

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Como Thomas Grason five hundred Pounds on Account

Sold James Tootell 45 Pikes at £5 each. Order given to Como Grason and Mr Shaw to deliver them and receive the money

Commission of a letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Thomas Sanders Commander of the Brigantine Queen of France, 130 Tons Burthen, navigated by 40 Men, mounting 12 Carriage Guns, 6 Swivels and 24 small Arms, belonging to John Dorsey & Compy of Baltimore

Original [Jenifer to Gov. Johnson.]

Phila Octr 25th 1779

My Dear Sir,

I am favored with your Excellencys Letter of the 22d Inst

Our situation is truly alarming from the depreciated State of our money. Tho' for eight days past Gold has been falling in value dayly, from 35 for one it is now at 26. But Goods & produce raising.

Flour is so essentially necessary at this time, that every expedient must be made use of to procure it.

Congress have applied for Loans in Europe & lately inforced their applications and there is now some prospect of Success.

I have still hopes that the Back Lands, at least a consider-

able part of them, will come under the direction & disposal of Original
Congress.

It is thought by many that the Count D'staign would be in possession of Savannah the 12th Inst. so that he may now be Hourly expected. The Enemy are making the greatest preparations to receive him. He has evacuted Stoney & Verplank points, first have I Distroy'd & burnt everything in His power

The Cayuga's & some others of the Six Nations are Sueing for peace. No late intelligence from Europe.

I did intend to set out for Annapolis as to day, but the business I mentioned in my last not being yet brought before Congress, owing to the Absence of Mr Witharspoon.

I have determind to stay all the week rather then leave this business unreported. I must therefore request the Senate (should I not be down in time) to chuse a President in my room. By thursday the 4th of Nov. if God Spares me I shall be down in the mean time I am with the greatest Affection & esteem

Dr Sir Your friend & Servt
Dan of St Thos Jenifer

Tuesday 26th October 1779 C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas Esqr six hundred and twenty five Pounds, four shillings and two pence due him as one of the Judges of the Genl Court to the 24th Instant

That the said Treasurer pay to William Logan one hundred and fifty Pounds per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esquire three hundred Pounds in part of his Salary

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Slaughter seventy five Pounds due him per Account passed by the Depy Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut John Jeremiah Jacob for the following Officers of the 2d Maryland Regimt to wit, Lieut Colo Woolford, Major Steward, Captains John Davidson John Gale, Capt Lieut, Benjamin Price, Lieuts John Gassaway, Edward Edgerly, James Ewing, Ensigns William Woolford and Hezekiah Ford Surgeon Walter Warfield and Surgeons Mate Ezekiel Haynie Seven hundred and fifty Pounds each the allowance made by the late Act of Assembly amounting in the whole to nine thousand Pounds

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Lieut John Jere. Jacob for the following Officers of the 4th Maryland Regimt to wit Colo Hall, Captains Jonathan Sellman, Edward Oldham,

C. B. William Reily, John Sprigg Belt, Edward Spurrier, Lieut[s] John Hamilton, John Colegate Parker Hall Lee and John Hartshorne, seven hundred and fifty Pounds each the Allowance made by the late Act of Assembly amounting in the whole to seven thousand five hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Lieut. John Jeremiah Jacob for the following Officers of the 6th Maryland Regim[t] to wit, Col[o] Williams, Lieut Col[o] Ford, Major Hardman, Capt[s] Henry Dobson, William Dent Beall, John Smith, Capt Lieutenant James Somerville, Lieut[s] John Jeremiah Jacob, James Bruff Richard Denovan, George Jacob, Charles Beavin Edward Moran and Ensigns John Lynn & Samuel Hamilton seven hundred and fifty Pounds each the Allowance made by the late Act of Assembly amount[g] in the whole to eleven thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Philemon Griffith of the Rifle Battalion two thousand Dollars the Allowance made by the late Act of Assembly

That the said Treasurer pay to Elie Vallette Two hundred Pounds in Advance per Resolve of the General Assembly

On hearing the Petition of Joshua Stevenson, Job Garretson, William Bosley, William Jacob and John Ross of Baltimore County complaining that the Election of Sheriffs for that County was unduly & unfairly made and conducted and praying that the said Election might be set aside &[ca] and on examining and hearing the Witnesses produced by the said Petitioners and also by Edward Cockey who were all present & on hearing the Allegations of all the said Parties. This Board do adjudge the said Election of Sheriffs for Balt[o] County valid & effectual notwithstanding any matter or thing alledged and proved on the said Hearing

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